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Stakes rising in ballpark lawsuit

New trial looms with Hartford's lawyer fees already well into millions

By **Kenneth R. Gosselin**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford has paid \$4.5 million in fees since 2017 to hire outside lawyers to defend itself against a high-stakes lawsuit claiming the city should not have fired the first developers of Hartford's minor league baseball park and the land around it, according to records provided by the city.

Now, with the state Supreme Court ordering a new trial, those legal costs are expected to keep climbing.

The city could not provide an estimate of the hours its staff of lawyers spent on the lawsuit filed by Centerplan Construction Co. and DoNo Hartford LLC after their 2016 termination as builders of Dunkin' Donuts Park and a future mixed-use development around

the ballpark.

But the city's chief attorney, Corporation Counsel Howard Rifkin, according to city estimates, devoted 30% of his time during the period from the developers' termination to the first trial on the issue. During the five-week trial in 2019 — after which a jury sided with the city's decision to fire — Rifkin

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Hartford's Dunkin' Donuts Park was completed in time for the 2017 minor league baseball season, but a lawsuit over who should have been allowed to finish the job is still in the courts. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Flavors, sounds of the Caribbean

ABOVE: Taylor Forbes, 14, center, of Bloomfield, leads the dance squad she founded called Xtreme Energy during the Taste of the Caribbean and Jerk Festival at the Mortensen Riverfront Plaza in Hartford on Saturday. The festival featured Caribbean cuisine, dance and music.

RIGHT: Ayize Frenche, of Hartford, plays with the Hartford Steel Symphony during the Taste of the Caribbean and Jerk Festival.

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Aryan Jain, 11, practices batting at Page Park in Bristol. The team, part of the Premier Cricket Academy, has been going for roughly a year. **DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT**

Farmington family starts Premier Cricket Academy

By **Ted Glanzer**
Hartford Courant

Like many families primarily cooped up inside during the height of the pandemic, Farmington residents Phani and Vijayalakshmi Gorty explored outlets to channel the energy of their children, sons Saharsh and Shlok.

"We explored games we never explored before," Phani Gorty said. "We tried volleyball, we had the whole net and setup in the yard. We played badminton. We played basketball, where we'd

dribble the ball in the driveway." The Gortys, who emigrated from India, love cricket — the world's second-most popular sport — above all else.

And they take it very seriously. "There are two forms of cricket to me; one is where you just swing a bat when you can," Phani said. "The serious form requires a proper kit and facility and needs a lot of setup before you can actually play the game. What I found in this country is that the proper

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Dems' drug price plan dealt a blow

But Senate referee keeps remainder of economic bill intact

By **Alan Fram** and **Farnoush Amiri**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate parliamentarian on Saturday dealt a blow to Democrats' plan for curbing drug prices but left the rest of their sprawling economic bill largely intact as party leaders prepared for first votes on a package containing many of President Joe Biden's top domestic goals.

Elizabeth MacDonough, the chamber's nonpartisan rules arbiter, said lawmakers must remove language imposing hefty penalties on drugmakers that boost their prices beyond inflation in the private insurance market. Those were the bill's chief pricing protections for the roughly 180 million people whose health coverage comes from private insurance.

Other major provisions were left intact, including giving Medicare the power to negotiate what it pays for pharmaceuticals for

its 64 million elderly recipients, a longtime goal for Democrats. Penalties on manufacturers for exceeding inflation would apply to drugs sold to Medicare, and there is a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on drug costs and free vaccines for Medicare beneficiaries.

MacDonough's rulings came as Democrats planned to begin Senate votes Saturday on their wide-ranging package addressing climate change, energy, health care costs, taxes and even deficit reduction. Party leaders have said they believe they have the unity they will need to move the legislation through the 50-50 Senate, with Vice President Kamala Harris' tiebreaking vote and over solid Republican opposition.

"This is a major win for the American people," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said of the bill, which both parties are using in election-year campaigns to assign blame for the worst inflation in four decades. "And a sad commentary on the Republican Party, as they actively fight provisions that lower costs for

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ELECTION 2022

Turnout key for Tuesday primary

Three-way GOP race to unseat Sen. Blumenthal will test Trump's sway

By **Christopher Keating**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In an attempt to reach voters who have been on vacation or distracted by getting their children to summer camp, politicians have been scrambling to spread the word about multiple primaries being held on Tuesday.

Statewide contests are being held for some of the most important positions in Connecticut, as well as local races in some towns. Democrats will choose candidates for treasurer and secretary of the state, while Republicans will pick a secretary of the state candidate and a challenger to longtime incumbent U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal.

But the primaries, slated for a hot day in early August, are often plagued by low voter turnout. The campaigns are working to turn out the vote on a ballot ranging from marquee races to legislative contests to even local probate judges.

The biggest turnout since the August primaries began was 43% in 2006, when a young Democrat named Ned Lamont pulled an upset against then-U.S. Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman. The 43% was huge — far beyond the 25% turnout in 2010 when Lamont lost the primary for governor to Dannel P. Malloy.

Lamont is not a fan of the midsummer clashes and would like to see the date changed.

"I've tried to get more people to vote," Lamont told the Courant in an interview. "Let's face it. On a hot day in August, you get not the broadest cross-section of folks able to vote. They're much more likely to vote in June or September. It seems to work pretty well in about 40 other states. ... The two parties can figure that one out. It's got to be bipartisan. ... I think there are some

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Race4Chase youth triathlon a tribute to Sandy Hook victim

More than 500 children ages 5 to 13 participated in the finale of the ninth annual Race4Chase triathlon program in honor of Chase Kowalski at YMCA Camp Sloper in Southington on Saturday. **Sunday CT, Page 1**

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setup is missing. You can play a lot of informal cricket, but not the formal one. The true enjoyment of the game is in formal cricket.”

The biggest problem in teaching the game, however, is there is only so much that can be taught without a full team, Phani said.

“My kids would throw the ball, have a catch, just like baseball. Just throw the ball, sweep the ball. ... Then my kids were showing some interest, and their friends also showed an interest in the game.

“They were playing but they weren’t playing the right form of cricket,” Phani said. “So I thought, why not, let’s try to create a coaching academy. And we introduced the game in a proper way to these kids.”

So the Gortys in July 2021 formed their own cricket instructional academy — Premier Cricket Academy — which they are currently running out of their home.

Initially, Phani aimed for a relatively small number of academy members.

“I thought if I needed 11 final members, I probably need 15 [kids] to start, because three or four will always be short in terms of skills. So I started enrolling more and more kids to see if I could get to 15.”

The academy, which practices at Bristol’s Page Park and Casey Field in the summer and at All Access Sports in Plainville during the winters using an artificial pitch, started with about 20 members between the ages of 7 and 15 and has grown to about 40, Phani said.

Phani and two other coaches provide the instruction on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. during the summer, for \$40 a month. The winter instructions cost \$65 a month, which includes six or seven hours of instruction per week. Novices typically play on Tuesdays, with more advanced instruction on Thursday.



At Page Park in Bristol on Thursday evening, a group of young boys practice cricket under the coaching of batting coach Pasha Syed, fielding coach Adam Annavi and bowling coach Phani Gorty. The practice is part of the Premier Cricket Academy.

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While the fees are almost comically low, Phani says the academy, which the Gortys run as a side business apart from their professional careers, generates a small profit.

“We keep it very affordable,” he said. “It’s a little more than break even. ... They’re getting a lot of instruction. It’s very affordable. I don’t pay myself. I’m not losing money. ... My objective is not to make hundreds of thousands of dollars, but rather to promote the game.”

The academy, as far as the Gortys know, is the only one of its kind in the Farmington Valley and has drawn interest from the growing numbers of people from Asia and the West Indies who are moving into the area, Vijayalakshmi Gorty said. In addition, the academy also has children with families from New Zealand, Australia and England.

“I wanted to create a community,” Phani said. “There are a lot of cricket-hungry parents and kids.



Srihaas Gudipudi, 9, gets help with his helmet from Sanjay Jain before batting.

They don’t have an avenue. They long for something like this. You can imagine, but you can’t just play on the lawn because it won’t bounce, right? There are constraints out there. I’m catering to that need.”

So far the academy has U11, U13 and U15 teams,

which have competed and held their own in tournaments along the East Coast, Vijayalakshmi Gorty said. The teams also compete against cricket clubs in Connecticut, including New Milford, she said.

The Gortys concede the nascent academy is starting

small, but it’s growing.

For indoor play, the academy boasts an artificial pitch the Gortys purchased from an English company for \$2,500, as well as a pitching machine to replicate consistent bowling seen in matches, Phani said.

Still, the Gortys are look-

ing for a permanent facility on which to practice and play matches.

Vijayalakshmi Gorty estimates that she has made several hundred calls to municipalities and landowners in an effort to purchase the land for the facility.

“The biggest hurdle is people don’t want to talk to a small entrepreneur, a small business owner like me,” Phani said. “I think they’re talking millions [of dollars], they’re thinking big, I’m talking we want 5 acres. They probably have it, but they don’t want small deals.”

Phani says parents and children are happy with the academy, but the facility is of primary importance.

“The parents are very keen,” Phani says. “It’s a small setup, and they want more. Everyone is really part of a family. We are from Farmington, Avon. We come together and we have our own team, we need to support each other. There’s a family feeling, but I know they are hungry for more. The first thing is to have our own ground.”

The academy is part of a cricket renaissance that is taking place in the Greater Hartford area.

East Hartford recently opened its own cricket ground on June 12 thanks to resident Parvez Bandi.

“I have been playing cricket in the Connecticut Cricket League for 23 years and always thought about having our very own Cricket Field in East Hartford,” Bandi said in a statement.

In June 2021, Manchester opened its first cricket ground to accommodate, at least in part, the city’s growing Asian Pacific American population, which increased by 65% between 2000 and 2010, according to the state’s Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission.

For information on the Premier Cricket Academy, email premiercricketacademy@gmail.com.

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Election

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interesting primaries, and I think we may get surprised by a few more people voting than we expected.” Here are some of the key contests:

U.S. Senate for Republicans

The Republican primary for Senate has become an increasingly bitter three-way battle between former Connecticut House GOP leader Themis Klarides, Greenwich fundraiser Leora Levy and Fairfield immigration lawyer Peter Lumaj. The race was upended with former President Donald Trump’s endorsement of Levy, which generated major momentum for Levy at a time when she was expected to split the conservative vote with Lumaj.

Now, the big question is how much support Trump has among Republicans in Connecticut — a state where Trump lost to Democrat Joe Biden in the 2020 general election by 20 percentage points.

“It’s going to be a fascinating Tuesday,” Lamont said. “The Trump endorsement made a difference last Tuesday. Look at Arizona. In a small-turnout primary, that’s where the Trump vote could make a big difference.” The race has gotten bitter as Levy has repeatedly blasted Klarides in television commercials as “not one of us,” accusing her of being a “Hartford swamp creature” and “the next Liz Cheney,” a deep insult in conservative Republican circles.

Levy has also accused Lumaj of working with Klarides against her. In a video posted on Twitter, Levy was captured as she shouted “three people, two campaigns” as she interrupted a speech by Lumaj. A Levy supporter then shouted, “Get out of the race!” as Lumaj continued speaking.

Since Klarides won nearly 60% of the delegates at the party convention, her supporters are counting on Levy and Lumaj to split the conservative vote and allow her to win the primary.

Klarides’ supporters say that the hard-core conservatism of Levy and Lumaj as pro-gun, pro-life, pro-Trump Republicans might be popular in Alabama, but not in Connecticut. They add that Levy has burned bridges among Republicans who had been seeking party unity, and they are not sure about her role in the party in the future. State Republican chairman Ben Proto publicly implored the candidates to avoid hammering each other and instead hurl their political blows at U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a powerhouse Democrat who is preparing for the general election. But that has not happened.

“If we’re going to win in November, we need to be united,” Proto said. “It’s important to remember that it’s about unity. It’s not about purity.”

A recent memo sent by Levy’s campaign manager, Christopher Velazco, noted that Levy has the support of a wide variety of conservative groups that include the pro-gun Connecticut Citizens Defense League, Take Back Connecticut, and Parent’s Choice, among others.

“During that debate, Klarides was exposed as little more than another Blumenthal, just with an R next to her name, and she clearly did not have the stomach to face the reality of her record again,” Velazco wrote. “It’s clear Klarides should be running in a Democrat primary against Blumenthal, and not as a Republican.”

Both Klarides and a super PAC supporting her have blasted Levy for contributing money in 1998 to Blumenthal’s reelection campaign for state attorney general. Levy says her husband made the \$100 contribution, but both their names are listed on public documents.

“Name-calling and negativity only comes from somebody who is behind and is desperate and is trying to throw things out and hopes that something sticks,” Klarides said in an interview. “I’m the only candidate that has a chance



From left, Peter Lumaj, Themis Klarides and Leora Levy — the three Republican primary candidates for Connecticut’s U.S. Senate seat held by Democrat Richard Blumenthal — face off in a live debate July 26 at WTNH television studios in New Haven. Voters will decide the winner Tuesday. ANTHONY QUINN/AP

to beat Dick Blumenthal, and that should be the only question people ask when they go to vote on Tuesday... I would hope that on Aug. 10 that everybody is together in their goal to defeat the man who is the wingman for Joe Biden.”

The most recent survey by nationally known pollster John McLaughlin shows Blumenthal ahead of Klarides by 11 points and Levy by 12 points. But the poll also showed 47% said they want “someone else” besides Blumenthal in November. McLaughlin conducted the latest poll for a wealthy California winery owner who supports national Republicans, but he also works for Levy and Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski.

“Blumenthal is vulnerable,” McLaughlin told the Courant. “He knows Joe Biden has a significant disapproval rating.”

Democrats for treasurer

With the incumbent treasurer, Shawn Wooden, not seeking reelection, three Democrats are now battling for the position that is often seen as the second most powerful in the state after the governor.

Former gubernatorial candidate and hedge fund manager Dita Bhargava of Greenwich is making her second run for the office following a loss in the August 2018 primary to Wooden. As a former vice chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, Bhargava is running against another former party vice chairman, attorney Erick A. Russell of New Haven, and Karen Dubois-Walton, a Yale graduate who serves as New Haven’s public housing authority leader and chairwoman of the state board of education.

All three candidates are running commercials to spread the word — with Bhargava generating attention for showing a series of bare-shouldered women who support abortion rights. A second commercial shows her holding a picture of her son, Alec Pelletier, who died of an overdose on his 26th birthday as she criticizes Stamford-based Purdue Pharma, which filed for bankruptcy in 2019 following a national controversy over its sale of the painkiller OxyContin.

Russell, seen as a 33-year-old rising star in the Democratic Party, won the party’s convention nod with 47% of the delegates in May as the other candidates declined to force a second round of voting. Dubois-Walton has deep support in her hometown of New Haven, including the three most recent mayors and multiple members of the legislative delegation.

More information about each candidate is at bit.ly/3Q7d6tg.

Democrats for secretary of the state

With the retirement of Secretary of the State Denise Merrill after 12 years, more than 10 candidates stepped forward to fill the open seat as the state’s top elections official.

The clash between state Rep. Stephanie Thomas of Norwalk and New Haven health director Maritza Bond has become increasingly bitter as Bond has been running negative television commercials on a steady basis.

Thomas won the party’s convention endorsement in a five-person race and has rolled up more than 125 endorsements that include Merrill and more than 40 state legislators. Bond is relying on the support of a wide array of unions for door-knocking and phone-banking, including the state AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers Region 9 A, the Connecticut Employees Union Independent, and others that she says are the backbone of the Democratic Party. She refers to herself as “Maritza Bond, the agent for Connecticut.”

Republicans for secretary of the state

The convention-endorsed candidate, Dominic Rapini, is battling against state Rep. Terrie E. Wood of Darien, a legislator who has won seven elections and has the most experience at the state Capitol of any candidate running to be the top elections official.

A longtime sales executive for Apple and local football coach, Rapini notes that he has coached more than 1,000 young players in the Pop Warner program

in New Haven County over the past three decades. He taped a video with former GOP party Chairwoman Sue Hatfield, a former athlete who was carrying a football in front of a scoreboard as she endorsed Rapini.

Wood has been endorsed by House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford, Bolton First Selectman Pam Sawyer, and Pauline Kezer, the last Republican who held the secretary of the state’s office in the early 1990s before losing a primary for governor against John G. Rowland in 1994. Democrats have dominated the constitutional office for decades, but Kezer broke the logjam as the only Republican over the past 60 years.

Political activist Brock Weber abruptly dropped out of the race, and the State Elections Enforcement Commission voted unanimously to launch an investigation into his campaign for “potential fraudulent contributions,” the commission said.

More information about each party’s candidates for secretary of the state is at bit.ly/3BKq1gg.

Simsbury

The retirement of state Rep. John Hampton has opened up the seat and prompted a Democratic primary for the state House of Representatives for the first time in Simsbury in decades.

Former first selectman Eric Wellman is battling against attorney Melissa E. Osborne, a veteran campaigner who has gained name recognition while losing against Republican Sen. Kevin Witkos in 2014, 2018, and 2020. Wellman captured the nomination of the Simsbury town committee, but Osborne gathered enough petition signatures to force the primary.

In a small town with only Democrats participating, as few as 1,500 votes could win the race, insiders said.

Wellman, 39, captured the local party’s nomination and has gathered endorsements from U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes and the union-backed Working Families Party. Osborne, 54, has already captured key endorsements from Hampton and two of the most popular Simsbury first selectmen over the past 30 years — Mary Glassman and Anita Mielert.

Both candidates say a key issue is supporting abortion access after the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling and allow states to make their own regulations regarding abortion.

More on that race is here: bit.ly/3StGLyh.

West Haven

Rep. Trennee McGee, an African American freshman legislator who has served less than one year in Hartford, is being challenged by Joe Miller, a 24-year-old abortion rights advocate, in a contest that has focused on abortion. Miller said he decided to challenge McGee after she made an impassioned speech on the floor of the state House of Representatives against an abortion bill that was later signed into law by Lamont.

McGee said that abortion has been “destructive to my community” in urban neighborhoods, and she wanted to “speak the fearless truth” about too many abortions in minority communities.

The intra-party clash is the most interesting legislative contest of the primary season, said state Republican chairman Ben Proto.

“She gave one of the most passionate, articulate floor speeches that a freshman has ever given, and they’re challenging her simply because she’s prolife. No other reason,” Proto, 63, said in an interview. “It may be one of the most impactful speeches a freshman has ever given — at least in all the years that I’ve been involved. It was amazing. That speech moved votes.”

Bridgeport

Despite being indicted and currently facing a federal trial on felony charges alleging campaign finance fraud, state Sen. Dennis Bradley is running for reelection in the primary. The local Democratic Party abandoned Bradley and endorsed Herron Gaston as the party’s candidate, but Bradley qualified for the primary.

Bradley was accused of conspiracy and fraud regarding a campaign kickoff party that he says was actually an event for his law firm clients. Prosecutors charge that Bradley’s Senate campaign stole \$84,140 in public financing for a primary campaign grant in 2018 and tried, but failed, to steal another \$95,710 taxpayer-financed campaign grant to run in the general election in November. He won and continues to serve in the legislature.

After a federal grand jury indicted Bradley, he was stripped of his committee assignments at the state Capitol by Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney of New Haven.

A senior pastor at a United Methodist Church and a graduate of Yale Divinity School, Gaston has the backing of Mayor Joe Ganim and party chairman Mario Testa — two powerhouses in Bridgeport politics who have won numerous elections through the years.

Registering

Unlike the general election in November, there is no provision for voters to register on the day of the primary and then vote.

The final day to register to vote is Monday at noon. Unaffiliated voters can also switch their registration to Republican or Democratic until noon Monday at their local registrar’s office and then vote in the primary Tuesday.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia attacks 2 key eastern cities

Shelling on city near largest nuclear plant in Europe continues

By Susie Blann
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces began an assault Saturday on two key cities in the eastern Donetsk region and kept up rocket and shelling attacks on other Ukrainian cities, including one close to Europe’s largest nuclear power plant, Ukraine’s military and local officials said.

The cities of Bakhmut and Avdiivka have been considered key targets of Russia’s ongoing offensive across Ukraine’s east, with analysts saying Moscow needs to take Bakhmut if it is to advance on the regional hubs of Sloviansk and Kramatorsk.

“In the Donetsk direction, the enemy is conducting an offensive operation, concentrating its main efforts on the Bakhmut and Avdiivka directions. It uses ground attack and army aviation,” the Ukrainian General Staff said on Facebook.

The last Russian strike on Sloviansk was July 30, but Ukrainian forces are fortifying their positions around the city in expectation of new fighting.

“I think it won’t be calm for long. Eventually, there will be an assault,” Col. Yuri Bereza, head of the volunteer national guard regiment, told The Associated Press.

Russian shelling killed five civilians and injured 14 others in the Donetsk region over the previous day, Donetsk Gov. Pavlo



An official examines the ruins of a factory on Saturday following a missile strike in Kharkiv, Ukraine. SERGEY BOBOK/GETTY-AFP

Kyrylenko wrote Saturday on Telegram.

Kyrylenko said two people were killed in Poprosny, and one each in Avdiivka, Solodar and Pervomaiskiy.

The governor of the eastern Dnipropetrovsk region said three civilians were injured after Russian rockets fell on a residential neighborhood in Nikopol, a city across the Dnieper River from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station.

The nuclear plant has been under Russian control since Moscow’s troops seized it early in the war.

“After midnight, the Russian army struck the

Nikopol area with (Soviet-era) Grad rockets, and the Kryvyi Rih area from barrel artillery,” Valentyn Reznichenko wrote on Telegram.

Another Russian missile attack overnight damaged unspecified infrastructure in the regional capital of Zaporizhzhia. On Thursday, Russia fired 60 rockets at Nikopol.

Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, warned last week that the situation was becoming more perilous day by day at the Zaporizhzhia plant.

“Every principle of

nuclear safety has been violated” at the plant, he said. “What is at stake is extremely serious.”

He expressed concern about the way the plant is being operated and the danger posed by the fighting going on around it. Experts at the U.S.-based Institute for the Study of War said Russia is shelling the area intentionally, “putting Ukraine in a difficult position.”

The Ukrainian company operating the nuclear power station said Saturday that Russian troops are using the plant’s basement to hide from Ukrainian shelling and

have barred its Ukrainian staff from going there.

“Ukrainian personnel do not yet have access to these premises, so in the event of new shelling, people have no shelter and are in danger,” Enerhoatom, a Ukrainian state enterprise, said on its Telegram channel.

In other developments:

■ In the Kherson region south of Mykolaiv, the deputy mayor of the Russian-occupied city of Nova Kakhovka was in critical condition after an assassination attempt, the Russian state news agency RIA-Novosti said, citing the deputy head of the Kherson

region, most of which is under Russian control.

■ The first of three more ships carrying thousands of tons of corn from Ukraine anchored north of Istanbul on Saturday awaiting inspection, the Turkish Defense Ministry said. The Panama-flagged Navi Star, which is carrying 33,000 tons of grain to Ireland, left Odesa on Friday. It is being followed by the Turkish-flagged Polarnet and the Maltese-flagged Rojen, carrying over 25,000 tons of corn between them from Chornomorsk.

The joint inspection center was set up to get grain blocked in Ukraine by the war to the world.

■ In the north, Ukraine’s second-largest city of Kharkiv and its surrounding area also came under Russian rocket fire again overnight, according to regional governor Oleh Syniehubov. A 18-year-old in Chuhuiv, a town near Kharkiv, was hospitalized Saturday after he picked up an unexploded shell. Chuhuiv and Kharkiv are near the Russian border and have endured sustained Russian shelling in recent weeks.

■ The neighboring Sumy region, which also borders Russia, has also seen near-constant shelling and missile strikes. Its governor said Saturday the region was hit more than 60 times from Russian territory over the previous day.

■ Russia has begun using Iranian combat drones, Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovych said via YouTube, adding Tehran had transferred 46 drones to the Russian army.

Israeli strikes in Gaza spur further exchanges of fire

No sign yet Hamas militant group will enter into conflict

By Fares Akram
and Tia Goldenberg
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli airstrikes flattened homes in Gaza on Saturday and Palestinian rocket barrages into southern Israel persisted for a second day, raising fears of another major escalation in the Mideast conflict. Gaza’s health ministry said 24 people had been killed so far in the coastal strip, including six children.

The fighting began with Israel’s killing of a senior commander of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group in a wave of strikes Friday that Israel said was meant to prevent an imminent attack.

So far, Hamas, the larger militant group that rules Gaza, appeared to stay out of the conflict, keeping its intensity somewhat contained. Israel and Hamas fought barely a year ago, one of four major conflicts and several smaller battles over the last 15 years that exacted a staggering toll on the impoverished territory’s 2 million Palestinian

residents.

Whether Hamas continues to stay out of the fight likely depends in part on how much punishment Israel inflicts in Gaza as rocket fire steadily continues.

The Israeli military said an errant rocket fired by Palestinian militants killed civilians late Saturday, including children, in the town of Jabaliya, in northern Gaza.

Earlier Saturday, Israeli warplanes stepped up strikes with hits on four residential buildings in Gaza City, all locations apparently linked to Islamic Jihad militants. There were no reports of casualties. In each case, the Israeli military says it warned residents ahead of the strikes.

Another strike Saturday hit a car, killing a 75-year-old woman and wounding six other people.

In one of the strikes, after the warnings, fighter jets dropped two bombs on the house of an Islamic Jihad member. The blast flattened the two-story structure, leaving a large rubble-filled crater, and badly damaged surrounding homes.

“Warned us? They warned us with rockets and we fled without taking anything,” said Huda Shamalakh, who

lived next door. She said 15 people lived in the targeted home.

Among the 24 Palestinians killed were six children and two women, as well as the senior Islamic Jihad commander. The Gaza Health Ministry said more than 200 people have been wounded. It does not differentiate between civilians and fighters. The Israeli military said Friday that early estimates were that around 15 fighters were killed.

The lone power plant in Gaza ground to a halt at noon Saturday for lack of fuel as Israel has kept its crossing points into Gaza closed since Tuesday. With the new disruption, Gazans can get only four hours of electricity a day.

Throughout the day, Gaza militants regularly launched rounds of rockets into Israel. The Israeli military said Saturday evening that nearly 450 rockets had been fired, 350 of which made it into Israel, but almost all were intercepted by Israel’s Iron Dome missile-defense system. Two people suffered minor shrapnel wounds.

One rocket barrage was fired toward Tel Aviv, setting off sirens that sent residents to shelters, but the rockets were either intercepted or



A Palestinian man carries an injured boy following an Israeli airstrike Saturday in the Gaza Strip, during the territory’s worst escalation of violence since last year. SAID KHATIB/GETTY-AFP

fell into the sea, the military said.

Sunday could be a critical day in the flare-up, as Jews mark Tisha B’Av, a day of fasting that commemorates the destruction of the biblical temples. Thousands are expected at Jerusalem’s Western Wall, and Israeli media reported that the Israeli leadership was expected to allow lawmakers to visit a key hilltop holy site in the city that is a flashpoint for violence between Israelis and Palestinians.

The violence poses an early test for Israeli Prime

Minister Yair Lapid, a centrist former TV host and author who assumed the role of caretaker ahead of elections in November, when he hopes to keep the position. A conflict with Gaza could burnish his standing and give him a boost as he faces off against former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a security hawk who led the country during three of its four conflicts with Hamas.

Hamas also faces a dilemma in deciding whether to join a new battle barely a year after the last

one caused widespread devastation. There has been almost no reconstruction since then, and the isolated coastal territory is mired in poverty, with unemployment hovering around 50%.

Egypt on Saturday intensified efforts to prevent escalation, communicating with Israel, the Palestinians and the United States to keep Hamas from joining the fighting, an Egyptian intelligence official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Biden administration slams new Indiana abortion ban as ‘radical step’

By Ken Kusmer
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The administration of President Joe Biden on Saturday condemned Indiana’s new ban on abortions, calling it another extreme attempt by Republicans to trample women’s rights.

Indiana on Friday became the first state in the nation to approve such legislation since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a 1973 landmark case that had

protected the right to abortion nationwide.

White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement that “it’s another radical step by Republican legislators to take away women’s reproductive rights and freedom, and put personal health care decisions in the hands of politicians rather than women and their doctors.”

The ban, which takes effect Sept. 15, includes some exceptions: in cases of rape and incest, before 10 weeks

post-fertilization; to protect the life and physical health of the mother; and if a fetus is diagnosed with a lethal anomaly.

Victims of rape and incest won’t be required to sign a notarized affidavit attesting to an attack, as had once been proposed.

Under the bill, abortions can only be performed in hospitals or outpatient centers owned by hospitals, meaning all abortion clinics will lose their licenses. A doctor who performs an

illegal abortion or fails to file required reports will lose their medical license.

IU Health, Indiana’s largest health care system, said it was studying the new law.

“We will take the next few weeks to fully understand the terms of the new law and how to incorporate the changes into our medical practice to protect our providers and care for the people seeking reproductive healthcare,” it said in a statement.

The Indianapolis Cham-

ber of Commerce urged the General Assembly to proceed with caution.

“Over the last two weeks, the Indiana General Assembly has debated a substantial policy change on the issue of abortion in a compressed timeframe,” the chamber said in a statement Thursday. “Such an expedited legislative process — rushing to advance state policy on broad, complex issues — is, at best, detrimental to Hoosiers, and at worst, reckless.”

The state Senate approved

the ban 28-19 and the Indiana House advanced it 62-38. Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the ban into law late Friday night.

Some senators in both parties lamented the bill’s provisions and the impact it would have on the state, including low-income women and the health care system. Eight Republicans joined all 11 Democrats in voting against the bill, though their reasons to thwart the measure were mixed.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Biden tests negative for virus but will still isolate, doctor says

From news services

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden tested negative for COVID-19 on Saturday but will continue to isolate at the White House until a second negative test, his doctor said.

Dr. Kevin O'Connor wrote in his latest daily update that the president, "in an abundance of caution," will abide by the "strict isolation measures" in place since his "rebound" infection was detected July 30, pending a follow-up negative result.

Biden, 79, came down with the virus a second time three days after he had emerged from isolation from his initial bout with COVID-19, reported on July 21. There have been rare rebound cases documented among a small minority of those, who like Biden, were prescribed the antiviral medication Paxlovid, which has been proved to reduce the risk of serious illness and death from the virus among those at highest risk.

O'Connor wrote that Biden "continues to feel very well."

Biden's travel has been on hold as he awaited a negative test. He plans to visit Kentucky on Monday to view damage from catastrophic flooding and meet with families.

Biden was "doing great," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Saturday when asked about his health. She said that when she speaks to the president, he tells her to "tell folks I've been working eight-plus hours a day."

During his first bout with the virus, Biden's primary symptoms were a runny nose, fatigue and a loose cough, his doctor said at the time. During his rebound case, O'Connor said only Biden's cough returned and had "almost completely

resolved" by Friday.

Regulators are still studying the prevalence and virulence of rebound cases, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in May warned doctors that it has been reported to occur within two days to eight days after initially testing negative for the virus.

China resort lockdown: Some 80,000 tourists are stranded in the southern Chinese beach resort of Sanya, after authorities declared it a COVID-19 hot spot and imposed a lockdown.

The restrictions came into force Saturday morning, as authorities sought to stem the spread of COVID-19 in the city on tropical Hainan Island. There were 229 confirmed cases Friday and an additional 129 Saturday.

China's ruling Communist Party sticks steadfastly to a "zero-COVID" approach that is increasingly at odds with the rest of the world.

Railway authorities banned all ticket sales in Sanya while all flights were also canceled on Saturday.

Tourists wanting to depart Sanya have to test negative for the coronavirus on five PCR tests over seven days, authorities said.

Twitter takeover: Elon Musk said Saturday his planned \$44 billion takeover of Twitter should move forward if the company can confirm some details about how it measures whether user accounts are "spam bots" or real people.

The billionaire and Tesla CEO has been trying to back out of his April agreement to buy the social media company, leading Twitter to sue him last month to complete the acquisition.

Musk countersued, accusing Twitter of misleading his team about the true size of



Paper lanterns float on the Motoyasu River by the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, also known as the Atomic Bomb Dome, on Saturday to mark the 77th anniversary of the world's first nuclear attack. The Aug. 6, 1945, bombing by the U.S. of Hiroshima, Japan, killed 140,000. A nuclear bombing on Nagasaki days later killed 70,000 more. **PHILIP FONG/GETTY-AFP**

its user base and other problems he said amounted to fraud and breach of contract.

Both sides are headed toward an October trial in a Delaware court.

"If Twitter simply provides their method of sampling 100 accounts and how they're confirmed to be real, the deal should proceed on original terms," Musk tweeted early Saturday. "However, if it turns out that their SEC filings are materially false, then it should not."

Drug-dealing ex-dean: A former dean at a Boston high school known affectionately by students as "Rev" has been ordered by a federal judge to pay more than \$10 million in damages to a former student he was convicted of trying to kill in a dispute over drug sales.

The default judgment Friday against former English High School Dean Shaun Harrison includes \$7.5 million in damages for pain, suffering and emotional distress; \$2.5

million in punitive damages; and more than \$80,000 for the victim's medical bills.

The victim, who had been recruited by Harrison to sell marijuana, was 17 when he was shot in the back of the head at point-blank range on a snowy Boston street in March 2015.

It's unclear whether the victim will ever get any money from Harrison, who was convicted in state court in 2018 of assault and other charges, and sentenced to up to 26 years in prison.

Life-support battle ends: A 12-year-old boy who had been in a coma for four months died Saturday at a London hospital after doctors ended the life-sustaining treatment his family had fought to continue.

Archie Battersbee's mother, Hollie Dance, said her son died at 12:15 p.m., about two hours after the hospital began withdrawing treatment. British courts had rejected both the family's effort to extend treat-

ment and a request to move Archie to a hospice, saying neither move was in the child's best interests.

The legal battle is the latest in a series of very public British cases in which parents and doctors have sparred over who is better qualified to make decisions about a child's medical care.

Archie was found unconscious at home with a ligature over his head April 7.

His parents believe he may have been taking part in an online challenge that went wrong.

Doctors concluded Archie was brain-stem dead soon afterward and sought to end the long list of treatments that kept him alive, including artificial respiration, medication to regulate his bodily functions and round-the-clock nursing care.

Croatia bus crash: A bus registered in Poland and carrying pilgrims to a shrine in Bosnia skidded from a highway in northern Croatia early Saturday, killing at

least 12 people and injuring several others, police and officials said.

Croatian police said on Twitter that the bus was carrying 43 people.

Croatia's state HRT television reported that about 30 people were injured, many seriously.

It said the most likely cause of the crash was the driver falling asleep.

The broadcaster showed video of a smashed blue bus in a ditch next to the highway. The bus was traveling in the direction of Zagreb, Croatia's capital, and the accident occurred some 30 miles north of there.

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said the bus was headed to the Catholic shrine in Medjugorje in southern Bosnia.

The shrine is Europe's third-most popular pilgrimage destination after Lourdes and Fatima, although the Vatican has not verified any of the reported miracles that witnesses claimed to have seen there.

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School name change up for debate

Hawaii’s McKinley High stirs mixed feelings for locals

By Jennifer Sinco Kelleher
Associated Press

HONOLULU — In Hawaii, there’s a common question posed in the pidgin language of the islands: “Where you went grad?”

Knowing where someone went to high school has long been an important identity marker for Hawaii residents and helps connect people in the state’s close-knit communities. It’s an affiliation that goes far deeper than rooting for a certain team or crosstown rivalries.

“It’s how you understand your place in Hawaii and your belonging,” said Ty Kawika Tengan, a professor in the Departments of Ethnic Studies and Anthropology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. “It tells all these stories about race, class and other things that are kind of implied by the school and the communities that you imagine go there.”

But for some, answering that question gets complicated when the school bears the name of President William McKinley, who many Native Hawaiians disdain for his role in the annexation of the Hawaiian Kingdom by the United States. A proposal to change the name of Honolulu’s McKinley High School has divided graduates, often along generational lines.

Sautia Tanoa, a 2005 graduate, said changing the name to Honolulu High — the name the school bore before it was changed to McKinley in 1907 — is appropriate and would help rekindle his pride in the school.

“As I grew up and I got more educated about the history ... all of these names that were chosen or celebrated were the very ones that overtook the place,” he said. “In the sense of historical justice, if I can be one of



A proposal to change the name of Honolulu’s McKinley High School has divided graduates. JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER/AP

the many voices asking to restore the name, I can be a little bit more proud of being part of the effort and also being part of that school.”

But even talking about changing the school’s name makes 1979 graduate Suzanne Chun Oakland cry.

“It was like stabbing me in the heart,” the former state lawmaker said of hearing about the effort. “It’s like going into your family and saying you have to change your family name.”

The debate comes amid a movement across the islands to restore traditional Hawaiian place names to honor and respect Native Hawaiian culture and history.

What used to be known as Barbers Point in west Oahu is now Kalaeloa. On Kauai, Fort Elisabeth State Historical Park was renamed to Pa’ula’ula. Iconic Diamond Head is increasingly being called Leahi and some people prefer to say Puuloa instead of Pearl Harbor.

The movement to return

to traditional names stretches beyond Hawaii, with efforts afoot across the United States. One of the most high-profile name changes also involved McKinley: North America’s tallest mountain, which was named after the former president, was returned to its previous name, Denali, in 2015 to honor Alaska Natives.

But the attachment many in Hawaii feel toward their high school is proving to be an unlikely stumbling block in the growing quest for authenticity in the islands, where some public schools are named for their locations and some are named after people, including the businessmen who dominated Hawaii during its sugar plantation past.

Less than 2 miles from McKinley High, Central Middle School changed its name to Princess Ruth Ke’elikolani Middle School — a change some say was easy because “Where you

went grad” always refers to high school.

Hawaii’s statewide public school teachers union has backed plans to change McKinley High’s name.

The school’s “name glorifies a man who illegally annexed a country against the will of her queen and people,” the union wrote last year, urging members to support a legislative resolution on the matter.

The resolution stalled in the last legislative session, as did another calling for the Big Island community of Captain Cook to be restored to its original name of Kaawaloa.

“I think we’re in this time period where people are really starting to recognize just the changes that need to be made, the historical wrongdoings that have been done towards Native and Indigenous peoples, and the importance of restoring place names,” said state Rep. Jeanne Kapela, who introduced the name change

resolutions.

Kapela said she understands people may resist changing names of places they feel connected to.

“I have my own affinity to my own alma mater, but the reality is that no matter what the school is named, that school sits on a place,” said Kapela, who graduated from Konawaena High School, which means central Kona, where it’s located. “It’s the community that built us. And that community is based on a place name. In order to honor that community, we have to honor the place it’s standing on.”

In arguing to keep the name, McKinley High’s principal, Ron Okamura, also cited the connection between identity and high school, saying it goes “deep into the makeup of who we are.”

“We are often asked, ‘Where you grad from?’ and the answer is always the name of our high school,” he wrote in testimony opposing

the change. “It is not about who the school is named after, but the ‘branding’ of the school’s culture that is attached to that school.”

Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, a Hawaiian cultural practitioner who did not attend McKinley, said it’s insulting to keep a name honoring a man who “was no friend to Hawaiians.”

“It would be one thing if you were to say, get rid of the school,” she said. “But to change the name is about the dignity of a people.”

The importance of the “Where you went grad” question has roots in Polynesian culture, which places an emphasis on knowing where someone is from, but it has also been co-opted by foreign colonizers who became Hawaii locals, she said.

“Because when you say, ‘Oh, where are you from?’ they cannot claim the land itself because they know that’s not where their family originated,” Wong-Kalu said. “But you can claim the school.”

Nanette Kaiwi, a Native Hawaiian graduate of the class of 1967, said she meets weekly with some of her classmates and they discuss plans for their upcoming 55th reunion and their strong feelings against the name change.

Kaiwi said she and her classmates worry how they would answer when asked, “Where you went grad?” — a question Kaiwi faced numerous times at a recent family gathering. They even worry how their descendants will remember them.

“It was not wanting our grandchildren, great-grandchildren to say, ‘What school did Tutu go? Oh, McKinley, where’s that?’ ” Kaiwi said using a Hawaiian term of endearment for grandparent. “It was the thought of losing the identity of the school we went to.”

Kaiwi said she also wants to keep the name and a statue of McKinley on campus so the injustices of the past are not forgotten.



Cuban Red Cross members prepare to go to an oil storage facility Saturday in Matanzas, Cuba. Dozens of people have been injured in a fire sparked by lightning. RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

Firefighters missing, dozens hurt in Cuba oil facility blaze

By Andrea Rodriguez
Associated Press

HAVANA — A fire set off by a lightning strike at an oil storage facility raged Saturday in the city of Matanzas, where four explosions and flames injured nearly 80 people and left 17 firefighters missing, Cuban authorities said.

Firefighters and other specialists were still trying to quell the blaze at the Matanzas Supertanker Base, where the fire began during a thunderstorm Friday night, the Ministry of Energy and Mines tweeted.

The government said later that it had asked for help from international experts in “friendly countries” with experience in the oil sector.

Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said the U.S. government had offered technical help. On his Twitter account, he said the “proposal is in the hands of specialists for the due coordination.”

Minutes later, President Miguel Diaz-Canel thanked Mexico, Venezuela, Russia, Nicaragua, Argentina and Chile for their offers of help.

The official Cuban News

Agency said lightning hit one tank, starting a fire, and the blaze spread to a second tank. As military helicopters flew overhead dropping water on the blaze, a dense column of black smoke billowed from the facility and spread westward more than 60 miles toward Havana.

Roberto de la Torre, head of fire operations in Matanzas, said firefighters were spraying water on intact tanks trying to keep them cool in hopes of preventing the fire from spreading.

The Facebook page of the provincial government of Matanzas said the number of injured had reached 77, while 17 people were missing.

The Presidency of the Republic said the 17 were “firefighters who were in the nearest area trying to prevent the spread.”

Seven of the injured were taken to Calixto Garcia Hospital in Havana, which has a prominent burn unit.

Cuba’s Communist Party newspaper Granma said there was “a high probability” that some of the missing people were dead.

The newspaper also said Energy Minister Livan

Arronte Cruz is among the injured.

Diaz-Canel traveled to Matanzas on Friday night and visited with those injured Saturday morning, according to photos shared by government accounts on social media.

The accident comes as Cuba struggles with fuel shortages. There was no immediate word on how much oil had burned or was in danger at the storage facility, which has eight giant tanks that hold oil used to fuel electricity generating plants.

“I was in the gym when I felt the first explosion. A column of smoke and terrible fire rose through the skies,” resident Adiel Gonzalez told The Associated Press by phone. “The city has a strong smell of sulfur.”

Authorities said about 800 people were evacuated from the Dubrocq neighborhood closest to the fire, while Gonzalez added that some people decided to leave the Versailles district, which is a little farther from the tank farm.

The Miami Herald contributed.

Taiwan: China military drills appear to simulate an attack

Associated Press

BEIJING — Taiwan said Saturday that China’s military drills appear to simulate an attack on the self-ruled island, after multiple Chinese warships and aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait following U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taipei that infuriated Beijing.

Taiwan’s armed forces issued an alert, dispatched air and naval patrols around the island, and activated land-based missile systems in response to the exercises, the Ministry of National Defense said.

China’s Ministry of Defense said in a statement Saturday that it had carried out military exercises as planned in the sea and airspaces to the north, southwest and east of Taiwan, with a focus on “testing the capabilities” of its land strike and sea assault systems.

China launched live-fire military drills following Pelosi’s trip to Taiwan last week, saying it violated the “one China” policy. China sees the island as a breakaway province to be annexed by force if necessary, and considers visits to Taiwan by foreign officials as recognizing its sovereignty.

Taiwan’s army also said it detected four unmanned aerial vehicles flying in near the offshore county of Kinmen on Friday night and fired warning flares in response.

The drones, which Taiwan believed were Chinese, were spotted over waters around the Kinmen island group and the nearby Lieyu Island and Beiding islet, according to Taiwan’s Kinmen Defense Command.

Kinmen, also known as Quemoy, is a group of islands about 6 miles east of the Chinese city of Xiamen in Fujian province



Members of Taiwan’s Coast Guard patrol Saturday on an island in the Taiwan Strait near an area where China was holding military drills. LAM YIK FEI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

in the Taiwan Strait, which divides the two sides that split amid civil war in 1949.

“Our government & military are closely monitoring China’s military exercises & information warfare operations, ready to respond as necessary,” Taiwan’s President Tsai Ing-wen said in a tweet.

The Chinese military exercises began Thursday and are expected to last until Sunday. Taiwan has put its military on alert and staged civil defense drills, while the U.S. has deployed numerous naval assets in the area.

The Biden administration and Pelosi, D-Calif., have said the U.S. remains committed to a “one China” policy, which recognizes Beijing as the government of China but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei. The administration discouraged but did not prevent Pelosi’s visit.

China has also cut off defense and climate talks with the U.S. and imposed sanctions on Pelosi in retaliation for the visit.

While in the Philippines on Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said China should not hold hostage talks on important global matters such as the

climate crisis.

“We should not hold hostage cooperation on matters of global concern because of differences between our two countries,” Blinken said. “Others are rightly expecting us to continue to work on issues that matter to the lives and livelihood of their people as well as our own.”

Blinken appeared in an online news conference with his Philippine counterpart in Manila after meeting newly elected President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and other top officials.

Meanwhile, cyberattacks aimed at bringing down the website of Taiwan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs had doubled between Thursday to Friday, compared with similar attacks ahead of Pelosi’s visit, according to Taiwan’s Central News Agency. The ministry did not specify the origin of the attack.

Other ministries and government agencies, such as the Ministry of Interior, also faced similar attacks on their websites, according to the report.

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WORLD & NATION

Influx from Ukraine strains Europe

Ferry ship is 1 option for housing amid shortage of facilities

By Patricia Cohen
The New York Times

TALLINN, Estonia — The duty-free shop on Deck 7 of the Isabelle has been turned into a storage locker and pantry, with suitcases heaped in the perfume section and refrigerated display cases crammed with labeled grocery bags. The ship's shuttered casino has become the go-to hang-out for teenagers. And the Starlight Palace nightclub on Deck 8 is where women meet to make camouflage nets for Ukrainian soldiers back home.

"It makes me feel closer to them," Diana Kotsenko said as she tied green, brown and maroon cloth strips onto a net strung across a frame, her 2-year-old, Emiliia, tugging at her knees.

For the past three months, Kotsenko and her daughter have been living on the Isabelle, a 561-foot cruise ship leased by the Estonian government to temporarily house some of the more than 48,000 refugees who have arrived in this small Baltic nation since the Russians invaded Ukraine in February.

The ship, which once ferried overnight passengers between Stockholm and Riga, Latvia, is now berthed next to Terminal A in the port city of Tallinn, Estonia's capital. Its 664 cabins house roughly 1,900 people — most of them women and children who come and go as they please through the ship's cavernous cargo door.

The residents are a tiny fraction of the more than 6.3 million Ukrainians who have streamed into Europe. Their lot is a sign of the strains that the flood of refugees is having on countries that have mostly welcomed them.

The Isabelle was leased



Lunchtime on the Isabelle cruise ship, home for 1,900 Ukrainians, on July 29 in Tallinn, Estonia. Millions have fled the war. MARTA GIACCONE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

from an Estonian shipping company, Tallink, in April for four months as an emergency shelter. But with nowhere else to put its residents, the government has extended the contract through October.

The shortage of homes for refugees is creating intense pressure across the continent and Britain. Low-cost housing is scarce, and rents are rising.

In Scotland, the government announced last month that it was pausing its program to sponsor Ukrainian refugees because of the lack of accommodations. In the Netherlands, scores of refugees have been sleeping on the grass outside an overcrowded asylum center in the village of Ter Apel. Last week, the Dutch Council for Refugees announced plans to sue the

government over shelter conditions that it said fell below the minimum legal standard.

Of all the challenges facing Ukrainians who escaped to safe havens, the most pressing is access to housing, according to a new report from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The problem of finding longer-term accommodation is expected to only worsen given rising inflation, the report concluded.

"Early evidence also suggests that a lack of housing is a primary motivation for refugees to return to Ukraine, in spite of safety risks," it said.

Governments — which were already struggling to house refugees and asylum-seekers from other parts of the world — have

set up emergency intake facilities, rented hotels and provided financial support to host households. But with reception centers overflowing, countries have been forced to scramble for other solutions. Schools, hostels, sports stadiums, cargo containers, tents and even cruise ships have become stopgap accommodations.

In Tallinn, the Isabelle had been out of service because of travel restrictions since the pandemic began in 2020 before it was put to use for the refugees. Natalie Shevchenko has lived on it since April. She has searched for an apartment in town but hasn't been able to find one she can afford.

A psychologist from Kyiv, Shevchenko has been working with mothers and children onboard, helping them adjust.

"When you live on a ship, it's like a big community," she said.

When Shevchenko needs solitude, she escapes to one of the lower car decks. She shares a claustrophobic sixth-floor cabin and bathroom with another woman she did not previously know. The space between the beds is narrower than an airplane aisle. Bags, shoes and boxes are stuffed under the beds. A white rope crisscrosses the walls to hang laundry.

"Here's our kitchen," Shevchenko said, pointing with a laugh to a shelf with bottles of water and soda. A flowerpot, a gift for her recent 34th birthday from the Estonian psychologists she works with, sits on the windowsill.

"We're lucky to have a window," she said. Some cabins on lower decks don't

have one. It's a problem for people who had to shelter underground in Ukraine, she said: "Some people have panic attacks."

A few doors down is the cabin that Olga Vasilieva and her 6-year-old son share with another mother and son. The two women use the unfolded upper bunk beds to store toys, bags and snacks, and sleep with their children in the narrow beds below. Bigger cabins are reserved for families with three or more children.

One of the benefits of living with so many other families is that there are lots of children to play with. "He has so many friends," Vasilieva said, turning to Shevchenko to translate.

Vasilieva wants to return home before the school year starts, but so far, it hasn't been safe.

Summer camps go on in a year like no other

Ukrainian programs offer usual pastimes, plus bomb shelters

By Laura BoushnaK
The New York Times

A late-July morning, and the sounds of the summer camp were the sounds of summer camps everywhere as children raced from activity to activity.

But the Midgard Forest Camp is in Kyiv, in wartime Ukraine, and when the air was pierced by a warning siren, the children knew what to do, abandoning their jump-ropes and tennis games and dashing for safety.

It is a routine as familiar as lunch.

War has brought a new reality to Ukrainians, but some things still hold true, and as the weather warmed, some parents were faced with the perennial question: What should we do with the kids this summer?

With children isolated and deprived of social contact — some driven by fierce combat to flee their homes — schools and camps began springing into action to offer programs.

Parents considering sending their children to the Forest Camp, which is run by the Midgard School, may once have asked about counselor-camper ratios or art programs, but on Feb. 24, when Russian forces surged across the border into Ukraine, all of that changed.

"My first question to the school was whether they have a shelter," recalled Nataliia Ostapchuk as she dropped off her 6-year-old son one recent morning.

Yes, it does, and when the siren went off the other morning, that is where the campers headed.

The children spent about an hour in the basement shelter, and for the most part, they took it in stride.

The shelter covers about 5,000 square feet, and given the frequency with which



Munitions are displayed during a July 26 mine-safety lesson put on by Soloma Cats in Kyiv, Ukraine. Summer camp in Ukraine this year means sunshine and swimming, but also bomb shelters and mine-safety training. LAURA BOUSHNAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

the children must go there — at least once a day — the school has equipped it well. Beyond the tables and chairs, there are toys, table games, television screens. There is also an air-supply system, toilets, showers and Wi-Fi.

"I don't feel like I'm in a shelter," said Polina Salii, 11, whose family fled the fighting in Pokrovsk, a town in the east.

Back in Pokrovsk, her family would race down to a basement repurposed as a shelter, with canned food, porridge and liter bottles of water.

"When there was shelling in the distance," Polina recalled, "we spent the whole night there."

The campers soon seemed to forget their basement surroundings, content to spend time with their electronic devices as their parents were sent text messages of reassurance. But when the siren wound down, the children responded joyfully, climbing

the stairs to resume their day — at least until the next siren goes off.

The Midgard School opened in 2017, and as in past years, when summer came, it transformed into a camp. But this is not like any other year.

This summer, the camp offers a 50% discount for the children of Ukrainian military members, many of whom are deployed on the front lines far to the east. About one-third of the campers are from internally displaced families, who attend at no cost. And the campers no longer go on day trips off campus. They need to stay close to the shelter, in case the siren sounds.

Many of the families of internally displaced campers arrived with little more than they could carry. The school has also provided housing for three families that fled the fighting in the east. They are living in what is ordinarily the kindergarten building.

Five years ago, when her son was born, Maryna Serhienko decided that Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, could use a family development center. So she founded one. She called it Uniclub, and it offered community members a kindergarten, a summer camp and a gym where mothers could bring their children.

Like the Forest Camp, Uniclub recast itself after Ukraine was invaded.

"When the war started, we organized a shelter," said Ivan Zubkov, Maryna's husband, who helps her manage the center. "Families with their children — and even pets — were living in the shelter room."

Public kindergartens are not open this summer in much of Ukraine, but Uniclub has 25 children in its kindergarten and 12 in its camp.

It has also offered services for children displaced from Mariupol, the eastern city that was brutally besieged

by Russian forces. Uniclub provides clothes for those who need them, along with discounts and tuition waivers.

Some families have landed at Uniclub to escape fighting elsewhere in Ukraine — if only as a way station.

Many have moved on, and with no prospect of a cease-fire in sight, some have left Ukraine altogether. Their pets were another story.

"Now we have a lot of guinea pigs, birds and even a turtle that we are taking care of," Zubkov said.

It might once have seemed an unfathomable summer activity, but Ukraine itself has become unfathomable, and so a program to teach children how to reduce the risk from mines suddenly does not look so odd.

The class is put on by Soloma Cats, a charitable foundation that works with specialists from the State Emergency Service and the National Police. Over the course of a week, in five

districts of Kyiv, children and their parents are offered safety lessons about mines and unexploded ordnance.

Although Russian forces pulled back from Kyiv after early efforts to take the capital failed, areas around it were occupied, and when the invaders withdrew, repositioning themselves for an assault on the east, there were reports of mines and booby traps left behind.

"Today, more than 100,000 square kilometers of the territory in Ukraine is mine-contaminated," the charity says. "Children and adults all need to know how to react if they find a dangerous object."

The war has taken a heavy toll on the children of Ukraine. Many have been uprooted from communities turned into killing fields. Many have lost family members to the fighting. And many have themselves been killed.

This past week, Ukrainian authorities announced that since the beginning of the Russian invasion, at least 358 children had died and 693 children had been injured.

Even those who make it out of the fighting can find every day an ordeal of uncertainty.

In Kyiv, Ihor Lekhov and his wife, Nonna, recounted fleeing Mariupol with their parents and their three children. With Mariupol now in Russian hands and their old home partly destroyed, the family has been living in the capital since March.

But they have found welcome in Kyiv — and even a summer program for their children. Uniclub took the two older boys in at no charge.

"In the camp, there are sport and team games," said Maksym Lekhov, 12. "I like to walk and play outside most of all, but also I like to join group classes."

Still, there is something he would like even more.

"I want the war to end," Maksym said. "And I want us back home."

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Ballpark

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spent 90% of his time on the matter. Rifkin is paid an annual salary of \$146,375, city records show.

The selection of Centerplan and DoNo Hartford and their subsequent firing straddled two mayoral administrations. Mayor Pedro E. Segarra hired the first development team and ground was broken just north of downtown Hartford in early 2015.

The city's current mayor, Luke Bronin, fired Centerplan and DoNo Hartford, in June, 2016, just six months into his first term. Bronin pointed to cost overruns, missed construction deadlines, and incomplete work. Centerplan and DoNo sought \$90 million in damages for wrongful termination, alleging the city ordered changes that delayed completion of the \$71 million, city-taxpayer funded, 6,000-seat stadium.

'The number is huge'

The tally, so far, on outside legal costs took some by surprise.

"The number is huge, and if they have to pay another huge number and they don't do well on the second trial, that's a potential disaster and fiscal crisis for the city," said Robert K. Killian Jr., a lifelong Democrat who served as the city's probate judge 31 years through eight elections.

Bronin, now in his second term as mayor, maintains the second trial also will reaffirm his decision to fire the developers. He also stands by the decision to terminate, and the legal fees, while substantial, are a fraction of what city taxpayers might have been on the hook for.

"There have been tough decisions and close calls in my time as mayor," Bronin said. "This was not one of them. I had a deep conviction that if we had not terminated Centerplan, taxpayers of Hartford would have been



The first phase of development around Dunkin' Donuts Park, 270 apartments, at right, is nearly complete. DOUGLAS HOOK/HARTFORD COURANT

out tens of millions of dollars more, probably would not have had a baseball team or a baseball stadium to show for it."

Bronin said that after the termination, Centerplan's surety company stepped in to finish the job, hiring a new contractor.

Centerplan "said they were 98% done, but if you are 98% done, your insurance company does not have to spend \$40 million to correct and finish your work," Bronin said.

Before being elected as mayor in 2015, Bronin, a Democrat, was critical of the decision by the then-fiscally strained city to borrow funds to finance the stadium and choose a developer who had no experience building a ballpark. Once mayor, the stadium had to be seen through to completion, Bronin said, and he acknowledges that it has become an asset for the city.

Bronin declined comment on whether he would consider settling the lawsuit out of court.

Killian, an attorney who also was in the field of Democratic mayoral candidates in 2015, said the city was in a tough position and needed to finish the stadium so it could move on with development around the ballpark. The mixed-use

development was intended to boost the city's tax base, but also help pay down the debt on the ballpark.

"I hope — and believe — they will have a good shot at the second trial, since the first was overturned on a procedural issue," Killian said.

Second trial more complex

The second trial will examine who made changes to the stadium plans and when, particularly in the six months leading up to Centerplan and DoNo Hartford's termination, an issue central to the state Supreme Court ordering a new trial. But the lawsuit also has become more complex because the city subsequently hired a new builder for the apartments and storefront space around Dunkin' Donuts Park.

The developer, RMS Cos. of Stamford, is nearing completion of the first phase of 270 apartments, just to the south of the ballpark. But Centerplan and DoNo Hartford are seeking to block RMS from moving on to the second phase and essentially take back development around the park. There could be financial implications in terms of

damages for moving ahead with another developer should the jury in the second trial reach a verdict in favor of the former developers.

If a jury in the second trial were to side with Centerplan and DoNo Hartford and award damages, there would likely be an appeal. If the developers were ultimately successful, there is no insurance coverage that would cover the award, city officials confirmed.

Councilman Josh Michtom, of the Working Families Party, said he wonders how far the city should pursue litigation, especially with mounting outside legal bills. He said he believes the vision for the ballpark — and the surrounding development — was ill-conceived from the start and has yet to boost businesses downtown or increase guests staying at city hotels.

"I understand that we want to extract something good like housing and broader development," Michtom said. "But at what point do we just throw in the towel and solve the thing the cheapest way possible? We should be wary of spending more on litigating this issue than the city will ever get out of winning it."

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Bill

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the American family."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Democrats "are misreading the American people's outrage as a mandate for yet another reckless taxing and spending spree."

Dropping penalties on drugmakers reduces incentives on pharmaceutical companies to restrain what they charge, increasing costs for patients.

Erasing that language will cut the \$288 billion in 10-year savings that the Democrats' overall drug curbs were estimated to generate — a reduction of perhaps tens of billions of dollars, analysts have said.

The ruling followed a 10-day period that saw Democrats resurrect top components of Biden's agenda that had seemed dead. In rapid-fire deals with Democrats' two most unpredictable senators — first conservative Joe Manchin of West Virginia, then Arizona centrist Kyrsten Sinema — Schumer pieced together a broad package that, while a fraction of earlier, larger versions that Manchin derailed, would give the party an achievement against the backdrop of this fall's congressional elections.

The parliamentarian also signed off on a fee on excess emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas contributor, from oil and gas drilling. She also let stand environmental grants to minority communities and other initiatives for reducing carbon emissions, said Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Thomas Carper, D-Del.

She approved a provision requiring union-scale wages to be paid if energy efficiency projects are to qualify for tax credits, and another that would limit electric vehicle tax cred-

its to those cars and trucks assembled in the United States.

Assuming Democrats fight off a nonstop "vote-a-rama" of amendments — many designed by Republicans to derail the measure — they should be able to muscle the measure through the Senate.

House passage could come when that chamber returns from recess on Friday.

"What will vote-a-rama be like. It will be like hell," Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, said Friday of the approaching GOP amendments.

The bill offers spending and tax incentives for moving toward cleaner fuels and supporting coal with assistance for reducing carbon emissions. Expiring subsidies that help millions of people afford private insurance premiums would be extended for three years, and there is \$4 billion to help Western states combat drought.

There would be a new 15% minimum tax on some corporations that earn over \$1 billion annually but pay far less than the current 21% corporate tax. There would also be a 1% tax on companies that buy back their own stock, swapped in after Sinema refused to support higher taxes on private equity firm executives and hedge fund managers. The IRS budget would be pumped up to strengthen its tax collections.

While the bill's final costs are still being determined, it overall would spend more than \$300 billion over 10 years to slow climate change, which analysts say would be the country's largest investment in that effort, and billions more on health care. It would raise more than \$700 billion in taxes and from government drug cost savings, leaving about \$300 billion for deficit reduction.

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1 Condiment at a pho shop

9 Got too scared, with "out"

15 Shelve

20 Big picture

21 Author/journalist Welteroth

22 "The _____ Holmes Mysteries" (young-adult detective series)

23 Nationwide competitor

24 Places where some belts are tightened?

26 Longtime surname on late-night TV

27 Rooibos by another name

28 Simpson imp

29 Stephen Crane's "The Red Badge of Courage," e.g.?

32 Gave the scoop

35 Its presence on Mars offers a clue to life

38 Growler's contents

39 Actress Lena Can

40 Medical gloves and N95 masks, for short

42 Pen

44 Andy Dufresne in "The Shawshank Redemption," e.g.

48 Pear-shaped instrument

49 Buy a lot of, with "on"

51 Lawyer with absurdly exaggerated humor?

54 Where Camus's "The Plague" is set

56 Circuit-board components

57 Count, e.g.

58 Sleep phase?
- 60 Coconut-covered cookie

63 It might get the weed out

64 Flagship vehicle line for Mercedes-Benz

65 Encourage

67 Dallas-to-Austin dir.

70 Test, as a new mattress

71 Harvesting machine that needs cleaning?

73 Didn't just sit there

76 Vouch for, with "to"

79 Mythical weaver

80 Doctor's description of the birth of triplet sons?

84 "Well, maybe"

85 Connect, as two devices

86 Rhetoric

87 Relax

89 No longer active: Abbr.

90 Golf ball's path

91 City north of Des Moines

92 Slangy turndown

93 Cinco + uno

94 They might get all over the floor

96 Battle between Tinker Bell and Princess Ozma?

102 Cream

103 "Ready?"

104 Some Guinness records

108 Census-taking of a Midwest capital?

111 Begin

113 Bel _____ (Italian cheese)

114 Charm

115 Become aware of ... or a homophonic description of four letter shifts in this puzzle's grid

116 Partners of hinds
- 117 Reaches

118 Comes clean

DOWN

1 Proceeded down a lane, maybe

2 Tick off

3 Without much thought

4 Excise surgically

5 Household robot from Amazon

6 Abyss

7 Like some towels and topics

8 Put away

9 Big name in grills

10 _____ la Cité, home of Notre-Dame

11 Smallest country in the E.U., by area

12 Stacked

13 Musical artist known as the Queen of New Age

14 Interior secretary

15 Hold in custody

16 _____ nous

17 Server error

18 The Liberty Tree, e.g.

19 Some free housing recipients, for short

25 Longtime surname on late-night TV

27 Fwy. or expy.

30 Clutch, e.g.

31 Name hidden in "global economy"

32 Couleur de l'océan

33 Rhapsodize over

34 Caterpillar alternative

35 Disruption for a poolside sunbather

36 God associated with the moon

37 American _____

39 Marsupial that goes into shock when frightened

42 Kind of parking

43 Each

44 Arab leaders

45 "I spilled _____ remover on my dog. Now he's gone": Steven Wright

46 Dancer Charisse of "Singin' in the Rain"

47 Wizard

48 Sci-fi daughter of Padmé

50 D as in D.C.? Abbr.

52 Some prosecutors, for short

53 Primeval

55 First name in folk

59 Some wide-brimmed hats

61 Killer of the Night King on "Game of Thrones"

62 _____ Day, early collaborator with Prince

65 "r u 4 real?"

66 Serving with a meze platter

67 It's a ball

68 Japanese honorific

69 Pries (from)

70 Icky look

71 Boots, helmets, rope, etc.

72 Prefix with puncture

73 For face value

74 One-named entertainer from Spain

75 Hand-held device used by Mr. Spock

77 Lunar New Year

78 General name for a dish?

81 Shade of red

82 Ticks off

83 Like Juliette

Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts

88 Fish in a poke bowl

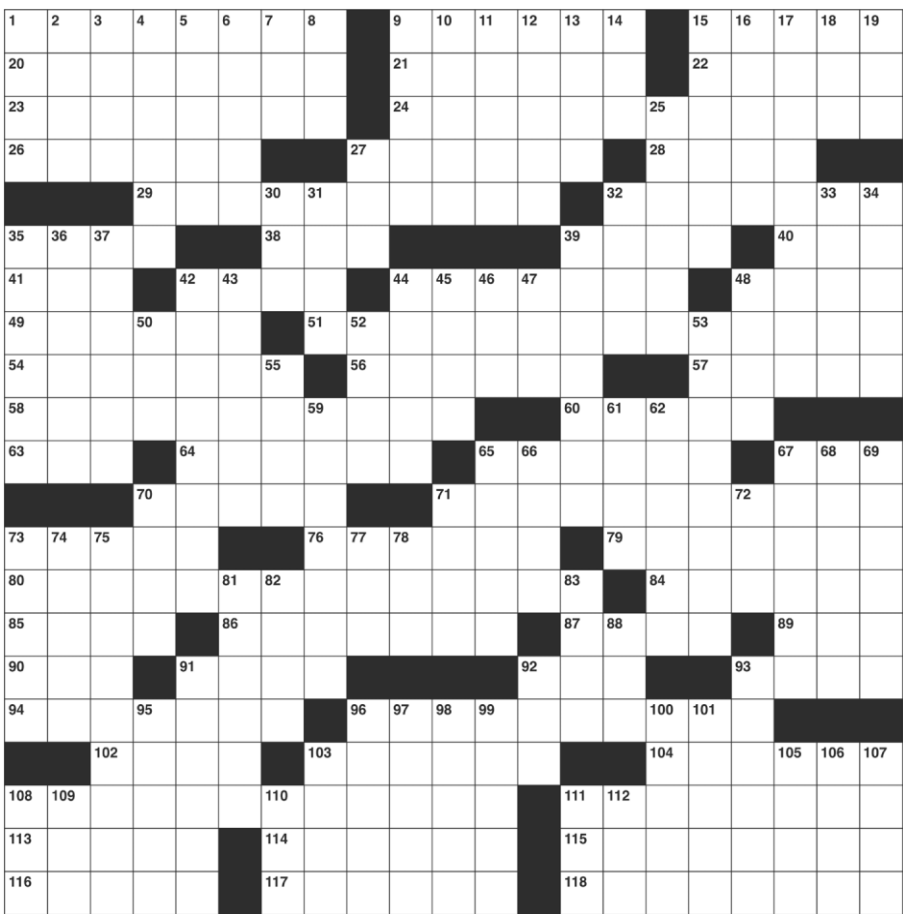
91 Unfairly takes advantage of, as a policy

92 WaPo alternative

93 Square figure?

95 Like a tasty cake

96 Ice-cream treat



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- 97 They might hold on to their caps, for short
- 98 "Failure _____ an option"
- 99 Back in style
- 100 You can see right through it
- 101 Beginning of a toast
- 103 What concealer might conceal
- 105 Soaks (up)
- 106 Co-author of 2016's "The Book of Joy," along with the Dalai Lama
- 107 Break ... or brake
- 108 Inits. on the road
- 109 Inits. on the road
- 110 Darkroom item, in brief
- 111 Personal-ad abbr.
- 112 No-win situation

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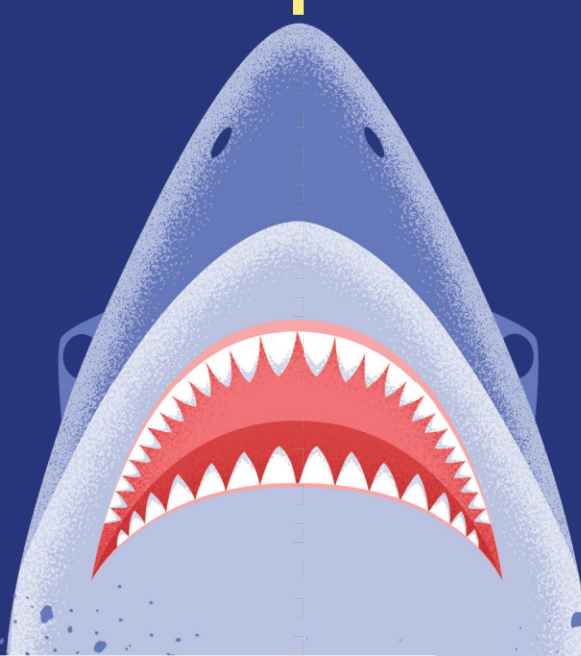
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Triathlon honors Sandy Hook victim

More than 500 children run, ride bikes and swim in ninth annual Race4Chase at Southington camp

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Chase Kowalski was a doer. Full of energy, he would take every opportunity to ride his bike, a horse, a quad, go fishing or work on his swimming, according to his mom, Rebecca Kowalski. He did a triathlon at age 6 and won his age group. Chase was also a baseball player, a third baseman who wore No. 8 and the fastest kid on his team, his mom said. His coach used to have kids run extra laps when Chase lapped them in warmups.

A decade later, kids are still doing laps because of Chase — now to honor his memory after Chase was killed during the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012. “His life was cut short, but I think in those seven years he lived more and did more than most people would ever have an opportunity to do,” Rebecca Kowalski, a triathlete herself, said. More than 500 children ages 5 to 13 participated in the finale of the ninth annual Race4Chase triathlon program in honor of Chase Kowalski at YMCA Camp Sloper

in Southington on Saturday. In the six weeks leading up to the event, campers from 17 YMCA camps from across the state and another 12 other states received training on how to be triathletes. “It’s really cool to watch all these little kids cheering on other kids, some of them that they don’t know, all to honor my son Chase,” Rebecca Kowalski said. Before the triathlon started, the young triathletes packed in the amphitheater at Camp Sloper, tucked under the shade of the surrounding trees and next to Slopers Pond. They chanted “Race-4Chase” and waited patiently while counselors gave instructions

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Rebecca Kowalski addresses the athletes at the Race4Chase, an annual youth triathlon program in honor of Kowalski’s son Chase, at Camp Sloper in Southington on Saturday. MIKE MAVREDAKIS



‘Sites of Conscience’

CT Humanities highlights historical places that reflect issues of today

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

A 19th-century ethnic community. A school for women of color. A prison in a copper mine. The site of a Native American massacre. The state house where the Amistad trial began. Five state locations have been named to an inaugural list of “Connecticut Sites of Conscience,” compiled by CT Humanities and released this week. The list seeks to draw attention to historical places that reflect issues people still deal with in the 21st century. “These sites represent narratives we wanted to emphasize. They are historically important in ways that still resonate today in community dialogues. They show why we must continue to have these conversations,” said Jason Mancini,

CLOCK WISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine in East Granby; the Old State House in Hartford; the Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community in Bridgeport; and the Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury. D.C. COLBERG/ COURTESY, COURANT FILE PHOTO, DOUGLAS HEALEY/AP, COURANT FILE PHOTO

executive director of CT Humanities. Mancini said the pilot project was floated in 2019 but stalled due to the pandemic. When it was revisited, CT Humanities worked with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience to define what a site of conscience is and which Connecticut sites qualify. The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, which spans 65 countries, pinpoints “safe spaces to remember and preserve even the most traumatic memories,” which “enable their visitors to make connections between the past and related contemporary human rights issues,” according to its website. Among the international sites are Auschwitz concentration camp, a gulag museum in Russia, a slave house in Africa, the National Civil Rights

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Heat leads to fishing closures

DEEP limits activity, citing unhealthy water temperatures for trout

Staff report

HARTFORD — The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on Saturday closed short sections of the West Branch Farmington River and the Farmington River to fishing because the hot weather is creating unhealthy water temperatures for trout. The agency also said it is augmenting “low release levels on the Farmington River with an additional 50 cubic feet per second” of flow from DEEP “fisheries reserves to improve water conditions for fish health.” The agency said that as the river temperature increases, fish “congregate near tributaries that bring cooler water into the river.” “DEEP is closing fishing near these tributaries to protect fish populations that are gathered near these sources,” the agency said. “Fishing is still open on most of the Farmington River. DEEP will be clearly marking the closed areas with signage.” All water within 100 feet of the signs will be closed to all fishing, the agency said. “This closure is scheduled to continue through Sept. 15, but may be shortened if water conditions improve. Violation of the closure is an infraction with a fine of \$154.” “High temperatures combined with low stream flows — are causing fish in these rivers to suffer from heat stress,” DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes said in the statement. “I’d like to thank the fishing community for helping to support the continued success of our world-class fishing destinations during these challenging conditions.” Closed areas, listed from upstream to downstream tributaries, include: ■ East Mountain Brook (Hallow Brook), New Hartford ■ Cherry Brook, Canton ■ Rattlesnake Hill Brook, Canton ■ Burlington Brook, Burlington ■ Hawley Brook, Avon ■ Unionville Brook, Farmington ■ Hyde Brook, Farmington ■ Pequabuck River, Farmington DEEP said it took similar action in August 2016 “when similar conditions led to trout dying due to the increased stress.” “We are being proactive this summer to do what we can to protect the resource, and it is not a step we are taking lightly,” Dykes said. “The West Branch Farmington River and Farmington River are very popular and well known to anglers, who are attracted to the area from around the world to catch both wild brown trout that spawn in those waters, as well as fish stocked by DEEP.”

Colony in Kansas had role in ending slavery

New research uncovers story of Connecticut emigrants’ efforts to make new home a free state

By Steve Grant
Special to the Courant

Until now, the pre-Civil War story of a courageous anti-slavery effort in Kansas by scores of Connecticut emigrants has largely slipped through the cracks of history. But Michael Stubbs of Eskridge, Kansas, a retired film industry location manager with a love of history, painstakingly researched the story

of the Connecticut Kansas Colony, as these settlers were known. In more than 20 years of research, he amassed revealing documentation on the colony and its key role in what is called Bleeding Kansas, the often-violent clash over the future of the Kansas territory as a free state or slave state. Stubbs makes a strong case that the Connecticut Kansas Colony played a significant role helping Kansas become a free state.

In 1856, 57 men, four women and two children from across Connecticut left the state to begin life anew in Kansas — “Free-Staters,” as emigrants to Kansas who opposed slavery were known. It was a tense, divisive time in American history. In 1854, with slavery a major issue, Congress repealed the Compromise of 1820, which limited slavery to states in the South, while designating Kansas and Nebraska as new territories — and letting the territories themselves decide by vote whether to prohibit slavery. The North, where abolitionist

sentiment was substantial, feared that if the territories allowed slavery, the South would soon dominate all three branches of the federal government and perpetuate slavery. Settlers poured into Kansas, many of them pro-slavery from neighboring Missouri, a slave state. Others arrived opposed to slavery, especially those from New England, touching off conflict that quickly became ugly. When newspapers in the North reported that an effort was underway in Alabama to raise armed

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Museum at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, and Ellis Island.

Mancini said if reception to the list is positive, it will grow in subsequent years.

These are the five Connecticut Sites of Conscience, as determined by CT Humanities.

Mary & Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community, Bridgeport: Sisters Mary and Eliza Freeman, who were African American and Paugussett, built houses next to each other in 1848 in the area of Bridgeport called “Little Liberia,” a community where African Americans, Native Americans and Haitians lived side-by-side. Today, the Freeman sisters’ houses are all that is left of Little Liberia. They are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the oldest houses in the state built by free Blacks.

“They represent a time period of racial inequity and injustice, and yet a community came together and created their own resources: libraries, churches, housing, businesses,” Mancini said. “It caught the attention of Frederick Douglass, who wrote about it.”

At the time of her death, Mary Freeman was the second-wealthiest person in Bridgeport, after P.T. Barnum. The neighborhood eventually vanished.

“This community in the 20th century was redlined and cleared to make way for whatever development was going to happen,” Mancini said. “Today, we look at the two Connecticuts. This is a place of disparity, inequities, people looking for racial justice. Their story is really important.”



An artist’s rendering of a scene at the 1637 massacre at Pequot Hill in Mystic. **MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM/COURTESY**

Prudence Crandall Museum, Canterbury: From 1831 to 1833, Prudence Crandall operated a girls’ school out of her home. She admitted one African American girl, and the parents of the white girls withdrew their daughters. Crandall closed the school and reopened in 1833, for “young Ladies and little Misses of color.” Neighbors reacted violently to the presence of the girls of color in their midst. Fearing for the girls’ safety, Crandall closed the school in 1834.

In 1995, by an act of the General Assembly, Crandall was named Connecticut’s state Heroine.

“She gave an opportunity, in the early 1830s, to provide equitable education and access,” Mancini said. “School districts are still struggling with, what does this look like, how can we provide these kinds of accessible, resourced education to all of our residents.”

Mancini cited Sheff v. O’Neill, the Connecticut Supreme Court case — launched in 1989 and finally settled in 2020 — in which parents

of nonwhite children sued the state and elected officials, including Gov. William A. O’Neill, alleging that their children were not being treated equally, since white-dominated schools were funded more generously than minority-dominated schools.

“We still think today about Sheff v. O’Neill and its impact on education across our communities, and the wealth gap, and so on,” he said.

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine, East Granby: Starting in 1709, the site on Newgate Road was a copper mine where Africans and Native Americans were used as slave labor. It was not a successful mine. Starting in 1773, it was turned into a prison where prisoners were forced to work in the mine. During the American Revolution, people loyal to the crown were imprisoned there. Starting in 1790, it was a state prison, where prisoners again were used as forced labor. The prison closed in 1827.

“This was a transformational time in history in the matter of how

do we handle criminality? What do we do with these people?” Mancini said. “This was a deep underground copper mine and people were just put away in there.”

He said the disproportionate impact the contemporary criminal justice system has on certain communities is a conversation that must be continued.

“How do we look at equal justice under the law? The conversation needs to be, not just where they were imprisoned, but how, who, how long, why? We need to start looking through that lens of engagement,” he said.

This extends to the formerly incarcerated, he added. “They are members of our society. What labels do we ascribe to them? What are the pathways forward for people convicted of crimes?”

Old State House, Hartford: From 1796 to 1878, the Old State House was the home of all three branches of Connecticut state government. Many famous trials were held there, including the beginning of the Amistad trial and the trials against Prudence Crandall, and it was the site of the Constitutional Convention of 1818.

“It was the center of Connecticut’s government for a very long time. It is where the laws were fashioned and shaped. It was the foundation of Connecticut governance,” Mancini said. “It was one of the hearts of our democratic republic, where important decisions were made around electoral and representative government.”

Mancini said Connecticut’s movement from a colony to a state, and the landmarks that took place through the centuries, are a good illustration of what legal and political realities are needed to form a government. These lessons can be applied to the present day, as people continually strive toward

“a more perfect union.”

“We look at four centuries of change, from the charter in the 17th century, to the Connecticut Compromise in the 18th century, to the Connecticut constitution in the 19th century and another constitutional convention in the 20th century,” he said. “This place is at the heart of Connecticut’s place as The Constitution State.”

Pequot Hill, Mystic: In 1637, 400 to 700 Pequot civilians were massacred by Connecticut colonists under the leadership of John Mason, the future deputy governor of the colony.

Today, nothing marks the site of the first attempted genocide in America. It is a residential neighborhood. The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center has a permanent exhibit about the Pequot War, detailing the background of the mass murder.

“The massacre was ground zero of Indian affairs. It resulted in the first reservations on the continent,” Mancini said. “Pequot Hill speaks to the legacy of how native people were treated in the early colonial period and since then through the erasure of their history.”

Pointing to the contemporary import of Pequot Hill, Mancini referenced Standing Rock, the reservation where, in 2016, protests were held against the planned Dakota Access Pipeline.

“There are 574 tribes recognized by the federal government. Every tribe has a Standing Rock. Every tribe has been desecrated, violated,” he said. “Pequot Hill is an access point to discuss contemporary indigenous issues. They have rich, diverse histories and yet they remain among the most invisible citizens of this country.”

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Triathlon

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and acknowledged the multiyear participants. Then they went off to compete in different age groups, swimming, biking and running their way to the finish line.

“We have a lot of amazing days at Sloper, but this is a special one,” Justin Hubeny, camp director at YMCA Camp Sloper, said. “The energy, the excitement. That thousands of people are behind this and are doing it for the purpose of Chase Kowalski is amazing. I love this day and I look forward to it every year.”

Ben Silliman, camp director at YMCA Camp Ingersoll and Race-4Chase volunteer, said the event represents “what we can do as

people and as a community.”

Dana Sherwonit, mom to competitor Ayden, said her son looks forward to the teamwork with the other athletes. “He loves a challenge and being out here with all the new friends that he meets,” Sherwonit said.

The hardest part was the running, Greyson Colwell, 6, of Cheshire, said, but the biking was easy.

Paula Mathews, whose grandson Noah competed Saturday, said Noah burst with excitement when he got down to the water to swim. He was jumping and waving at them from the water.









Race4Chase is run by the CMAK Sandy Hook Memorial Foundation, which is spearheaded by Rebecca and Stephen Kowalski. It is a USAT-sanctioned youth triathlon, according to the CMAK Foundation’s website.



Hundreds of kids from Connecticut and surrounding states participate in the ninth annual Race4Chase Saturday at Camp Sloper in Southington. The youth triathlon honors the memory of Chase Kowalski, a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012.

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\$30K Home equity loan	7.42	7.42	3 year CD	1.62 1.60
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15 year fixed mortgage	4.84	4.61	Savings interest	0.55 0.52
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3-month T-Bill	2.53	0.14	▲	2.48 2.60
6-month T-Bill	3.07	0.18	▲	3.01 3.07
52-week T-Bill	3.29	0.31	▲	3.21 3.29
2-year T-Note	3.24	0.25	▲	3.03 3.45
5-year T-Note	2.97	0.37	▼	2.25 3.61
7-year T-Note	2.91	0.21	▼	1.90 3.60
10-year T-Note	2.83	0.18	▼	1.62 3.48
30-year T-Bond	3.06	0.07	▼	1.20 3.43

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DOW 30							
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1.	Chevron Corp	CVX	153.64	-10.14	-6.2	7.6	<div><div></div></div> 56.8
2.	UnitedHealth Group	UNH	535.06	-1.78	-1.3	3.2	<div><div></div></div> 29.6
3.	Merck & Co	MRK	87.41	-7.23	-2.2	5.8	<div><div></div></div> 18.2
4.	CocaCola Co	KO	63.38	-0.79	-1.2	0.4	<div><div></div></div> 15.3
5.	Apple Inc	AAPL	165.35	-3.07	-1.9	12.5	<div><div></div></div> 13.3
6.	McDonalds Corp	MCD	259.23	-4.14	-1.6	2.4	<div><div></div></div> 12.9
7.	Travelers Cos	TRV	158.96	0.26	0.2	-5.9	<div><div></div></div> 17.5
8.	Amgen	AMGN	246.25	-1.22	-0.5	-0.9	<div><div></div></div> 14.3
9.	Procter & Gamble	PG	144.72	5.81	4.2	-0.2	<div><div></div></div> 13.1
10.	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	171.11	-3.41	-2.0	-4.0	<div><div></div></div> 12.6
11.	IBM	IBM	132.48	1.69	1.3	-5.7	<div><div></div></div> 0.9
12.	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	282.91	2.17	0.8	5.7	<div><div></div></div> -0.8
13.	Home Depot	HD	309.69	8.75	2.9	8.1	<div><div></div></div> -5.6
Dow Jones industrial average		32803.47	-41.66	-0.1	+4.7	-6.8	<div><div></div></div>
14.	Amer Express	AXP	157.51	3.49	2.3	11.1	<div><div></div></div> -6.9
15.	WalMart Strs	WMT	126.58	-5.47	-4.1	0.9	<div><div></div></div> -7.7
16.	Caterpillar Inc	CAT	185.39	-12.86	-6.5	3.5	<div><div></div></div> -10.1
17.	Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	334.67	1.28	0.4	12.9	<div><div></div></div> -10.3
18.	Visa Inc	V	215.87	3.76	1.8	6.0	<div><div></div></div> -11.5
19.	Dow Inc	DOW	51.49	-1.72	-3.2	0.2	<div><div></div></div> -12.8
20.	Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	38.99	-0.63	-1.6	3.8	<div><div></div></div> -13.5
21.	Verizon Comm	VZ	44.95	-1.24	-2.7	-11.0	<div><div></div></div> -14.1
22.	Honeywell Intl	HO	192.27	-0.19	-0.1	10.9	<div><div></div></div> -16.0
23.	Cisco Syst	CSCO	45.01	-0.36	-0.8	3.7	<div><div></div></div> -16.1
24.	Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	190.17	6.15	3.3	8.4	<div><div></div></div> -21.4
25.	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	115.76	0.40	0.3	1.2	<div><div></div></div> -23.1
26.	3M Company	MMM	147.41	4.17	2.9	14.5	<div><div></div></div> -25.7
27.	Boeing Co	BA	165.04	5.73	3.6	18.7	<div><div></div></div> -27.3
28.	Intel Corp	INTC	35.39	-0.55	-1.5	-6.8	<div><div></div></div> -29.8
29.	Nike Inc B	NKE	113.87	-1.05	-0.9	5.5	<div><div></div></div> -32.6
30.	Disney	DIS	106.63	0.53	0.5	11.2	<div><div></div></div> -37.0

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recruits to march to Kansas and drive out Free-State settlers, abolitionist leaders in the North were outraged. Early in 1856, after mass meetings in New Haven that received national newspaper publicity, organizers of the Connecticut Kansas Colony held a final meeting before departing.

‘Beecher’s Bibles’

On hand was the Litchfield-born Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, a fervent abolitionist, an orator with a national reputation, and brother of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Beecher and his church in Brooklyn, N.Y., donated Bibles and Sharps rifles — the most modern firearm of the day. Newspapers subsequently dubbed the colony the Beecher Bible and Rifle Company. The rifles themselves came to be known as “Beecher’s Bibles.”

Kansas was frontier and many new settlers were primarily motivated by the opportunity to start life anew on open land, not necessarily by strong feelings one way or another about slavery, according to Nicole Etcheson, the Alexander M. Bracken professor of history at Ball State University in Indiana and a Civil War scholar who has studied Bleeding Kansas.

But some settlers, including members of the Connecticut Kansas Colony, were inspired by anti-slavery convictions from the get-go. Drawing upon first-person accounts, recollections and other period sources, Stubbs documents the pivotal role of the Connecticut settlers, all out of proportion to their comparatively small numbers. They did it politically and with their Beecher’s Bibles.

Charles B. Lines, a cabinetmaker from New Haven who was the leader of the Connecticut Kansas Colony, described the colonists’ motivations in a public appeal for money shortly after the group emigrated.

“It is not claimed because the company originated in a desire to promote the cause of freedom in Kansas, that therefore no other motive or hope animated its members...” Lines wrote. Some of the settlers, he wrote, joined the colony “for the purpose of improving their condition” or to benefit their health.

Still, he continued, “it is beyond all question true, that the leading object was in a legitimate and peaceful manner to aid in the permanent establishment of a government consecrated to FREEDOM, and rear upon that virgin soil the institutions of a pure Christianity.”

The settlers came from New Haven, Middletown, Hartford, Avon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Farmington, New Hartford, Guilford, Cheshire, Bolton and Durham, among other cities and towns.

Manisha Sinha, the James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History at the University of Connecticut, agrees that the story of the Connecticut Kansas Colony is all but unknown in Connecticut, despite the compelling way it connects Connecticut history with the Bleeding Kansas conflict.

Sinha, author of “The Slave’s Cause: A History of Abolition,” said the New England states were hotbeds of anti-slavery sentiment, and the Connecticut Kansas Colony is a telling example of how these settlers were determined to make a difference. They were motivated by their convictions and willing to endure the hardships of a move to the frontier, she said. “I admire the gumption of these people.”



Litchfield-born Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe’s brother and a prominent minister in Brooklyn Heights, is seen in this 1870s photo. Beecher and his church donated Bibles and Sharps rifles to colonists moving from Connecticut to Kansas. **HARRIET BEECHER STOWE/HC**

The Connecticut Kansas Colony settled in a tiny frontier village called Wabaunsee.

Compared with settlers from the Midwest, the Connecticut settlers tended to be more educated and represented many occupations. Few were actually farmers, though farm skills were much needed in frontier settlements.

“I’m surprised they even made it past the first year,” said Kathryn Mitchell Buster of Kansas City, the great-granddaughter of one of the most influential and courageous of the Connecticut settlers, William E. Mitchell Jr.

A natural leader

Mitchell was an adventurous young man born in Scotland, brought to Middletown as an infant. His father was a founder of Middletown’s Anti-Slavery Society in the 1830s. Mitchell traveled to California and Australia in search of gold, before returning to Middletown at the time the Connecticut Kansas Colony formed.

He signed on. Buster said the slavery issue was a major motivating force for her ancestor, and, she suspects, it was also “another adventure.”

From all accounts, Mitchell appears to have been a natural leader and was elected captain of the Wabaunsee Prairie Guards, the colony’s militia. It was formed to defend the settlement and assist in the defense of Free-State settlements harassed by pro-slavery “Border Ruffians” from Missouri.

Concerned that one of the colonists, Amos Cottrell, originally from Cheshire, was late returning from Kansas City, and amid rumors of conflict in Lawrence, a Free-State stronghold, Mitchell and two others set out to locate Cottrell and find out what was happening in Lawrence.

They found Cottrell unharmed in Topeka. Mitchell and Dr. J. P. Root, originally from New Hartford, continued to Lawrence. Returning, they were captured by pro-slavery militants and imprisoned. Thought to have been murdered, their deaths were reported by New York and New Haven newspapers.

But Mitchell and Root had survived. Mitchell was said to have refused to cooperate with the Border Ruffians, even snarling defiantly at his captors when they put a noose around his neck.

There are varying reports of what exactly happened, including one that he beat his captors back. Great-granddaughter

Buster thought it more probable that “he was so obnoxious and stubborn they just let him go.”

Saving Lawrence

But first he and Root were taken to Lawrence, where they witnessed the initial sacking and burning of the town by pro-slavery forces.

Months later, the Wabaunsee Prairie Guards, led by Mitchell, were called to the Lawrence area. Massed just outside Lawrence, armed pro-slavery forces were preparing to destroy Lawrence and the Free-State movement once and for all.

In an address delivered in New London nearly 50 years later, J. M. Hubbard, a colonist originally from Middletown, related that the militant abolitionist John Brown, born in Torrington, already had led his supporters into skirmishes with pro-slavery groups. Hubbard said Brown also was there as the Lawrence confrontation loomed.

When a pro-slavery reconnaissance party advanced, the Wabaunsee Prairie Guard militia, well-positioned, opened fire with their Sharps rifles — Beecher’s Bibles — and though greatly outnumbered, repelled the pro-slavery forces in what has come to be known as “the Battle of the 2,700,” referring to the size of the pro-slavery militia.

Cottrell, in a recollection some years later, insisted “It was the Wabaunsee boys and they alone that turned that body of men back in double-quick time.”

Mitchell’s leadership at the Battle of the 2,700, saving Lawrence from certain destruction, “was probably his most significant act,” Stubbs said.

“Today, most historians of the period are unaware of the significance of the Prairie Guards saving the day and preventing the destruction of Lawrence,” Stubbs said.

Likewise, Stubbs maintains that history has overlooked the significance of Root’s role in Kansas becoming a free state.

When pro-slavery forces blockaded the Missouri River, barring Free-State advocates and the food, clothing and money sent by their supporters in the North, Stubbs said it was Root who found an alternate route around the blockade from southeast Nebraska.

Root personally laid out the route, Stubbs said, tying rags to trees and bushes to show Free-Staters the way.

By 1857, if not a bit earlier, it was becoming clear that the Free-Staters “were



The earliest-known photograph of the First Church of Christ at Wabaunsee, now known as the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church. The church was organized in 1857, and the building was completed in 1862. The reverse side indicates the photograph was taken by W. P. “Bliss Photographic Car.” **COLLECTION OF CONNIE JONES PILLSBURY**



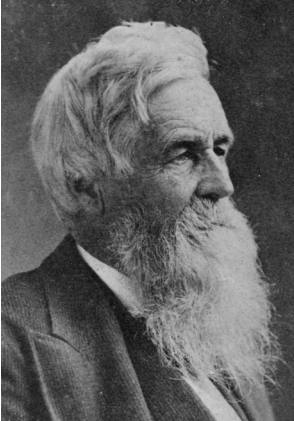
Joseph Pomeroy Root

getting to be the majority,” said Virgil W. Dean, a historian and now-retired editor of Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains. Bleeding Kansas was coming to end.

In 1861, when the first Southern states seceded from the Union, Republicans in Congress had the votes to admit Kansas as the 34th state, a free state. But, Dean noted, even after Kansas became a free state, black men could not vote for another decade.

New Haven of the West

Wabaunsee, meanwhile, was intended by the colonists to be the New Haven



Charles B. Lines

of the West. Its streets are named for New Haven streets, including an Elm Street. But in the 19th century what is now the Union Pacific Railway chose a rail route on the other side of the Kansas River, when ferries were the only way to cross the river. That ensured Wabaunsee was to remain the tiny village it is today.

After the Bleeding Kansas years, Capt. Mitchell and his family used their home as a stop on the Underground Railroad, sheltering slaves on their way north to freedom.

Originally just a log cabin built by Mitchell, it was added to over the years. In recent years, the present owners discovered when removing some siding from

the home that the original log cabin is still there, underneath.

In 1953, one of Mitchell’s sons donated part of the original Mitchell farmstead to the Kansas Historical Society to create a park. In 2005, when the society was unsure it could create a park at the site, Stubbs organized a citizens campaign and incorporated as a nonprofit, which took over the site and created the Mount Mitchell Heritage Prairie Park, which preserves a patch of the tall-grass prairie that once covered a vast part of the region. With newly acquired additional land, the park is now 165 acres.

Named in honor of the Wabaunsee Prairie Guards, the park is managed by the Mount Mitchell Prairie Guards, and Stubbs is the president.

The park is a popular outdoor educational resource for school children and other visitors and is recognized as a National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site and a Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area Star Attraction.

The Connecticut Kansas Colony is history now, but, Stubbs said, “the purpose of the park is to keep this story alive for future generations.”



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POLICE NEWS

Teenage boy injured in Hartford shooting on Pershing Street

HARTFORD — Police are investigating a Hartford shooting that left a 15-year-old boy injured, according to Hartford Police.

Police responded to Pershing Street after midnight Thursday for a ShotSpotter activation. They located a 15-year-old boy who had been shot, according to police.

The boy was transported to a local hospital for treatment. His injuries are not considered to be life-threatening, police said.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Hartford Police Tip Line at 860-722-8477. — **Mike Mavredakis**

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Summer housing in transition

After hearing three stories about home sales that blew up within days of closing, I figured that it was time to check in on what’s going on in residential real estate this summer.

Conditions have changed within the few months since I wrote about the housing affordability crisis, leaving the market in transition.

Here’s what we know: The rise in mortgage rates (30-year rates are at 5.5% as of this writing, up from just over 3% at the start of the year), combined with still-high prices, has meant that activity has slowed down significantly.

Google searches for “homes for sale” are down 23% from a year ago, which contributed to existing-home sales falling to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.12 million in June, lower than the number of sales recorded in all of 2019 and down 14.2% from a year ago.

Even though there are more homes on the market, inventory remains historically low. As a result, the median existing-home sales price climbed 13.4% from one year ago to \$416,000, a new record high since records began in 1999. Prices increased in all regions, and June marked 124 consecutive months of year-over-year increases, the longest streak on record.

The rate of price increases is expected to slow by the end of the year, said Bill McBride of Calculated Risk. He outlined three scenarios for the housing market in the second half of 2022: slow, stall or bust.

Slow would mean that house price growth will be annualized growth in the mid-single digits. For the stall scenario, this will be close to no change (seasonally adjusted, annualized) in house prices. And for the bust scenario, house prices would decline over the next few years.

McBride said he believes that the odds of a stall are 50%, with slow growth “the next most likely scenario.” For those fearing a mid-2000s bust, where prices dropped by a quarter nationally from the peak, McBride said this cycle’s version of a bust would likely equate to declines of 5-10% nationally.

Meanwhile, the real estate story this summer has been characterized by transition and repricing. Some buyers are backing out of potential purchases because their mortgage commitments expired. Others are seeing deals on their current homes fall apart, which means that the move-up or next house purchase must be delayed.

(Note: If you are a buyer and want to revisit a signed deal, discuss the details of your contract with a lawyer. You need to understand what allows you to walk away from your agreement without losing your deposit, which can be as high as 10% of the purchase price on the home.)

According to Redfin’s analysis of MLS data, “nationwide, roughly 60,000 home purchase agreements fell through in June, equal to 14.9% of homes that went under contract that month ... that’s the highest percentage on record with the exception of March and April 2020.” Some of those deals will be repriced; others will not survive, and the homes will go back on the market.

When would-be sellers start the process all over again, they will find conditions have changed, starting with more competition for qualified homebuyers.

Redfin notes that as of mid-July, the total number of homes for sale posted its biggest increase since August 2019, and home sale prices continued to fall.

The seasonally adjusted Redfin Home-buyer Demand Index, which measures requests for home tours and other home-buying services from Redfin agents, was down 17% from a year ago, and buyers are no longer waiving inspection, appraisal or mortgage contingencies.

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Deliver feedback EFFECTIVELY



Managers must learn how to deliver information in a way that leads to real change without discouraging employees

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By Diana Shi | Fast Company

Receiving feedback can be scary. And, of course, it’s worse when you know the feedback is going to be negative. The experience can make you feel called out, inferior to your coworkers or incompetent at your job.

But feedback is often necessary in order for an individual (or team) to make progress. Without good, frequent feedback from managers, employees are unlikely to improve on their own. Or, at least, it is likely improvement will take longer.

There’s a risk to providing too much feedback, according to some research — especially if it’s not delivered carefully. And research shows that people can grow the most when their strengths are recognized. So how should managers deliver information in a way that leads to signs of real change without deflating workers? Consider a few of these strategies.

A foundation of trust

To properly deliver feedback, your employees must feel an underlying sense of trust has been established. This sort of strong relationship does not arise overnight; instead, it will take time to ensure your connection is authentic.

As a person delivering feedback, you can build trust by talking to your employees regularly. Paul McDonald, a senior director at staffing company Robert Half, has managed different groups throughout his career and currently oversees the mentorship and collaboration of a team of 15 to 20 people. McDonald says he speaks to his workers openly and often.

Frequent and predictably timed communication makes for a more fluid exchange between himself and his reports, no matter if the conversation is positive or negative. “Regular communication builds trust,” he says. “When employees trust me, I’ve found that [we] can look at areas of opportunity because they know my style and ... the way the meeting cadence is going to take place.”

Effective communicators know they should be aware of how they speak, including the tone they use. If you are too overzealous, your reports will no longer be receptive to what you’re telling them. Moreover, if managers’ written communication is not working, they must be willing to adjust.

Deliver your words directly

Next, it’s important to be clear in your feedback and don’t leave anything up to

interpretation or speak obscurely.

“When employees are left to their own devices ... their thoughts can go to a negative place,” McDonald says.

This is doubly true when you’re delivering negative feedback. Otherwise, workers may get things mixed up or not get the message.

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In the latter case, this may mean you have to reiterate and rephrase your comments, and you risk surprising your employee.

Further, the best way to make sure your employee received your message is follow up. McDonald says that he often tries his best to follow up in the medium his employees prefer the most.

When delivering negative feedback, he will call a second meeting when the employee is “feeling better emotionally,” he says. “That’s where I back it up with writing, [like] email. They have specific instructions, goals and tactics ... in order to get to the next level.”

Set aside enough time to talk

When delivering feedback, it’s important that you’re not being inconsiderate or flip with your delivery. In order to get your message across successfully and

with care, you need to block enough time on your schedule and avoid distractions. “[Show] an empathetic side,” McDonald says.

Be mindful of your criticism frequency

It’s important not to always point out the negative when you’re a leader. Yes, as a manager, it feels natural to constantly want to improve and ask your reports to do more. But inevitably, this tendency can lead to an employee impression that you’re never satisfied.

As Fast Company cofounder Bill Taylor wrote in Harvard Business Review a decade ago, “Leaders who engage in relentless fault-finding can’t help but lead to a culture of bloodless execution. [Those] who celebrate small acts of kindness ... who reward moments of connection give everyone permission to look for opportunities to have a genuine human aspect.”

The worst-case scenario for a company is “safe silence” from employees, wrote David Dye and Karin Hurt in their book “Courageous Cultures.” Safe silence is when workers, instead of speaking their minds and countering their bosses’ potentially flawed viewpoints, choose to say nothing.

People remember the tough, traumatic times more than the good. Research has shown there is a residual effect to hearing negative comments repeatedly. Employees who received a negative email from an employer one time often anticipated that future emails would be similarly distressing (in other words, feeling anticipatory stress or “vigilance of threat”). If you make yourself out to be the bearer of bad news and bad feelings one time, your staff may anticipate future interactions to be similarly negative.

With tough conversations, it’s key to get through to your conversation partner and not inundate them with negativity — or you risk them becoming “blocked,” McDonald says.

“If you think bad things are going to happen, and then [bad] things do happen, that stress gets enunciated, [you will feel] a more pronounced reaction to it,” says Brooks Gump, a professor at Syracuse University who has researched people’s reactions to stress.

It’s not to say you should never give negative feedback, but make sure that you’re also finding instances to complement work that is well done.



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I asked what kind of family Amina wanted. She said, ‘A family like yours.’ That’s when I knew I had to adopt her.

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There are 4 Medicare savings programs. Do you qualify?



Elliot Raphaelson
The Savings Game

Most individuals sign up for Medicare when they reach age 65. For most participants, Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) is free.

For other parts that are needed, such as Part B (outpatient medical insurance), Medigap (supplemental insurance) and Part D (prescription coverage), the costs can be high and, for many low-income families, difficult to fund.

Fortunately, Medicare has developed four different kinds of savings programs through individual states' Medicaid offices that provide Medicare savings for different types of Medicare expenses for families of limited income and resources. Following are four savings programs, with the associated benefits and eligibility requirements.

- QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM (QMB)**
- Individual monthly income limit (2022): \$1,153
 - Married couple income limit (2022): \$1,546
 - Limits are slightly higher in Alaska and Hawaii.
- If you have income from working, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the prior limits.
- Individual resource limit (2022):

- \$8,400
- Married couple resource limit (2022): \$12,600
- Countable resources include checking or savings account, stocks and bonds. They do not include your home, one car, a burial plot or up to \$150 in burial costs if put aside already.
- Benefits of QMB:** It can cover premiums of Part A and Part B; deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments for services and items Medicare covers, except for outpatient drugs.

- SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM (SLMB)**
- Individual monthly income limit (2022): \$1,379
 - Married couple monthly income (2022): \$1,851
 - Individual resource limit: \$8,400
 - Married couple resource limit: \$12,600
- Benefits of SLMB:** This state program subsidizes Part B premiums for individuals/families that have Part A and have limited income and resources.

- QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM (QI)**
- Individual monthly income (2022): \$1,549
 - Married couple monthly income (2022): \$2,080
 - Individual resource limit: \$8,400
 - Married couple resource limit: \$12,600
- Benefits of QI:** This state program subsidizes Part B premium for those who have Part A.
- Restrictions:** First come first served, with priority for those who qualified the previous year (you must apply each year). You are not eligible if you qualify for

- Medicaid.
- QUALIFIED DISABLED AND WORKING INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM (QDWI)**
- Individual monthly income (2022): \$4,615
 - Married couple monthly income (2022): \$6,189
 - Individual resource limit: \$4,000
 - Married couple resource limit: \$6,000
- Benefits of QDWI:** This program subsidizes Part A premiums. You may qualify if you have a disabling impairment but continue to work and are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.
- Drug coverage:** If you qualify for QMB, SLMB or PI, you automatically qualify to obtain additional financial assistance that subsidizes drug coverage associated with Medicare. The amounts of the subsidy can increase each year; you should apply each year.
- Eligibility:** You are eligible for any of the four categories of Medicare savings if you can answer the following three questions positively.
- Are you eligible for Part A, or do you already have it? Is your income at, or below the specified income levels? Are the limits of your resources consistent with the specified limits specified?
- In order for you qualify for any of the four Medicare savings plans, you have to contact your state's Medicaid office and fill out the required forms. For more information, go to: <https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-programs>.
- Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.*



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Last-minute college crunch

If you're one of the millions who will head off to college in the next few weeks, here's some practical financial advice to make sure you get off to the right start.

Eva Dodds is an accredited and experienced college adviser. Her company, Root-CollegeAdvising.com, helps families start preparing for college well in advance, with advice on everything from getting financial aid and finding affordable schools to writing all those applications and even negotiating for more money.

Even at this late stage, Dodds says, the right approach could make all the difference between affording college and having to take a pass. She calls these summer months "the meltdown season" — when families of accepted students suddenly confront the affordability issue and may even decide their child can't attend.

Dodds says schools don't want to lose the students they have already admitted, so financial aid offices are willing to listen to your requests. But, she cautions, you must be specific about what has suddenly changed in your family finances, such as changes in income, sudden medical bills or other new expenses. And demonstrate how much money you need to fill the gap.

Some other suggestions:

- Ask if you can delay your start until mid-winter or even next year, so you can work and save money for school.
- Ask if the college has online courses you could take while living at home and cutting the cost of attendance.
- And, as a worst case, ask if you can defer admissions while attending a community college — but check to make sure those credits will be accepted at the school of your choice.

And Dodds has some other important money-saving college tips:

- Consider applying now for a job on campus or nearby. Don't wait until everyone arrives seeking work!
- Use Handshake.com, where paid college internships are posted and matched.
- Search for off-campus housing to save money. Fewer colleges require dorm living since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Buy used textbooks and plan to sell them back to pay for next year's books.
- Wait to buy technology until you arrive on campus and check out the student discounts, which can be far better than your local stores.

Parents, it may come as a shock, but once your student is 18, you have no right to learn about their grades or to request any medical information or any disciplinary records — even if you are paying their tuition and student loans!

Suggestion: Have your suddenly adult child sign both a medical and business power of attorney. You can easily find the forms with an internet search of "power of attorney for college students."

Even if you have a financial plan in place to pay for college, have you worked with your child to discuss a budget and how you will handle/distribute money for living expenses, beyond what is paid to the school? Expenses for books and fees, as well as dining out and the inevitable purchases at the school bookstore, can really add up.

You could start with a reloadable debit card, depositing an "allowance" each month. This card won't build a credit rating, but it will teach money management. Search for a reloadable debit card with no ATM fees at CardRates.com.

Or start with a "secured" credit card in the student's name — a card that doesn't require a credit history. The credit limit is the amount deposited into a savings account, and parents can add to the balance monthly. Prompt payment will build a credit score for the student. One example is the "Discover It" secured card at Discover.com.

One other reminder for parents: You may be considering a home equity loan as a last, desperate resort for making the dream of college happen. But rates on home equity loans float — likely higher. Many are interest only, with a balloon at the end — just when your child is graduating and student loan payments come due. Even worse, interest on money for college borrowed on a home equity loan is not deductible.

This year, the last-minute college financial crunch is made more difficult by the surge in inflation. Everything costs more than you had budgeted or even imagined. You'd better plan for it now. And that's The Savage Truth.

Google's aim: Teach Gen Z to 'internet better'

By Danica Lo
Fast Company

A few weeks ago, Google revealed that 40% of 18- to 24-year-olds prefer TikTok or Instagram search over Googling. Since then, the internet giant has come back fighting, by launching an educational campaign aimed at Gen Z.

Called "Let's Internet Better," the crusade features a series of short animated videos targeting misinformation, con artists and catfishing online. Positioned as a call to action to help people become "smarter internetters" by using Google Search for fact-checking, the campaign logo features a rainbow color scheme and a shooting mouse pointer — a riff on the "The More You Know" television PSAs from the 1980s.

The 15-second videos have tongue-in-cheek titles, such as "Did someone just buy the sun?" and "Should you put slugs on your face?"

With more than 90% of global search-engine market share, Google Search is in no way facing any danger of obsolescence — though attrition of younger audiences and product searches to social media platforms and Amazon.com could be worrying early signs of changing consumer behavior.

"Google is the default for millennials, Gen X and baby boomers — in much the same way that Sears used to be the default for shopping," said Flynn Zaiger, CEO



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of digital marketing and design agency Online Optimism. "Legacy and digital brands continually underestimate the diversity of Gen Z and their ability to critically think."

Google says the campaign was designed to resonate with "Gen Z's tone, humor and aesthetics" to be a "fun, yet self-aware PSA that's supportive and informative." As part of the initiative, Google has partnered with some top TikTok creators — including Hank Green, Matt Taylor, Antonio Baldwin and Alexia Del Valle — to publish content around internet safety and fact-checking. There are also videos that provide back-to-basics lessons in subjects such as reverse-image search.

Fair enough. Yet with reports and FTC data showing that it's older age groups who are increasingly falling victim to

online fraud — to the tune of \$3 billion last year in the U.S. alone — it's curious that the search giant has invested in an internet literacy campaign targeting Gen Z, a digitally native "hypercognitive generation" researchers describe as "very comfortable with collecting and cross-referencing many sources of information."

"With this campaign, we wanted to speak directly to Gen Z, digital natives who shape much of today's internet culture," said Rebecca Michael, senior marketing director of Google Search. "By partnering with them to think critically about the information they come across online and arming them with the tools and resources to check the facts and ensure credibility, we hope they'll set the pace for others and help us make the internet a safer, better place."

Science reveals ways to fall asleep fast to help boost productivity

According to the CDC, approximately 70 million Americans struggle with chronic sleep issues, and it costs us more than a good night's rest, causing brain fog, fatigue, and diminishing productivity. Here ways to unwind and fall asleep fast without supplements.

SOURCE: Kelly Main, Inc.



Dim the lights

This will help your brain release melatonin on its own, inducing sleepiness naturally. This is because melatonin is the only known hormone synthesized by the pineal gland and it is released in response to darkness. It is in fact why it's referred to as the "hormone of darkness," according to an article published by the National Library of Medicine.



Eat dinner earlier

According to WebMD, your battle with insomnia might start at the dining table, not in the bedroom. To sleep like a baby, you might want to try eating dinner much earlier, like a baby. The standard guideline is to stop eating at least three hours before bedtime to help give your body the time it needs to digest food. But digestion is just one of the reasons to avoid eating a late dinner or late-night snacks.



Shower at night

To fall asleep, our body temperature has to drop. It's a process called thermoregulation. So while it might sound counterintuitive to take a hot shower at night, it actually helps us reduce our core temperature and fall asleep more easily. The reason is that upon getting out of the shower, our body temperature is much higher than normal due to the warm water. Our bodies actually then flush out the excessive heat, effectively dropping our internal temperature.



Find a brain-training routine

Get in the habit of a pre-bed routine or ritual. Much like Pavlov's bell experiment, using minor (yet consistent) indicators can help train our brains that sleep is soon to come. For me, it's as simple as having chamomile tea, dimming the lights. Part of what makes a brain-training routine effective is that it's training your circadian rhythm. In other words, we're training our bodies every time we go to sleep, so consistency is crucial.

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The hot job market is cooling off, so why are new hires still ghosting employers?

By Jennifer Alsever | Fast Company

The hot labor market has cooled in recent months amid talk of a recession and layoffs, but those worrisome indicators haven't put much of a dent in a peculiar pattern that has emerged in recent years for job seekers: the application, the job interview, the job offer, getting hired — and then failing to show up for the first day of work and subsequently disappearing.

Credit an unprecedented job market in which a record 68.9 million workers left their jobs in 2021. Job seekers, confident with demand, wield far more leverage and bargaining power. So much so, that they disappear without a word to employers — choosing not to respond to offers, choosing not to show up for work, or to just going radio silent after working a couple days of a new job.

“They don't think twice about burning bridges,” says Sinem Buber, lead economist at job site ZipRecruiter.

This pattern of “ghosting” employers is not necessarily new, but it has hit a new high in recent months. In January, 16% of job seekers admitted to ghosting employers; that number jumped to 20.25% in May, according to ZipRecruiter survey data shared with Fast Company. The peak of those numbers came right before job optimism began to decline and talk of a recession heated up.

In July, 13.45% of job seekers admitted that they had ghosted employers after accepting a job offer, according to ZipRecruiter.

It's not just low-wage job seekers doing the ghosting, either. More white-collar job seekers in technology and finance are leaving employers in the dark after accepting a position, sometimes with salaries of \$65,000 to \$100,000, Buber says.

Emily Sander, founder of Next Level Coaching, who's managed recruiting and hiring for various companies over the past decade, says she has been ghosted numerous times. In one case, Sander flew a hiring manager across the country to meet a man on his first day as an account manager. He was MIA for three days before finally sending her a winding, implausible story explaining why he didn't show up.

Sander rescinded the job offer. “We dodged a bullet, as it became clear there were some dependability issues,” she says.

For Jill Anderson, the experience was



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far more shocking. She was stunned earlier this month when a new accountant didn't show up for work after accepting a \$63,000 job at Beck Building Company (a Colorado home builder that — full disclosure — employs the husband of this author).

The man didn't return texts, calls or emails for a few days, and Anderson worried he was either dead or in the hospital. “I finally sent a text saying, ‘Please, just let us know you're alright because we're worried,’” she says.

He never did, and Anderson and her colleagues haven't heard from him since. She says it may take another two months to hire someone. “I've never in my career had this happen,” she says. “How do you not know that this is not cool?”

They may not know it's not cool because job seekers say it's happened to them as well: 47% of job seekers who have ghosted

employers say they themselves have been ghosted by another employer. “There's a bit of normalization going on,” Buber says.

The ghosters also tend to be more aggressive with their job search, sending out far more applications, participating in far more interviews and receiving far more job offers. Two-thirds of ghosters have at least one job offer already when they ditch another employer.

Candidates looking for their very first job are more likely to cut communications with an employer — 31% of first-time job seekers ghosted an employer, whereas only 12% of experienced professionals did, according to ZipRecruiter.

That 31% is not at all surprising, says Stacie Haller, career strategist at Resume-Builder.com, an online resource for job seekers. Younger workers fresh out of school have the least experience with

professional life, and many haven't been properly coached on résumés and how to do an interview.

They may avoid uncomfortable conversations, and they tend to ghost each other online when dating, too. Yet young job seekers don't realize how ghosting can impact their career in the long run. A 2021 survey by job board Indeed found that employers are keeping score. As many as 93% of employers keep records of ghosters. A quarter of them track job seekers who stop responding, 35% note those who don't turn up for an interview, and 33% record first-day no-shows. The vast majority of employers (80%) also believe those ghosters will experience negative impacts on their future job search or career.

“It's unfortunate for those who ghost,” Haller says, “because those hiring managers never forget who ghosted them.”



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Career advice for new college graduates

By Sandra Block
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Beth Hendler-Grunt, president of Next Great Step, a career-counseling firm, and author of “The Next Great Step: The Parents’ Guide to Launching Your New Grad into a Career,” offers words of wisdom.

Q: New college graduates will be looking for jobs at a time when many employers are desperate to fill openings. How can they take advantage of these favorable labor conditions?
A: Before applying for a job, recent graduates should really think about the skills they have and what they’re really good at, so they can explain to an employer the value they can bring to a company. A lot of young adults will say things like, “I’m a

hard worker,” but that’s not a skill. Think about the top three things you want to be known for and be able to share an example of how you demonstrated that skill.

Q: Is networking still important? What’s the best way to do that when many managers are still working from home?
A: LinkedIn is a great way to network, but instead of just going on LinkedIn and asking to connect, take a few minutes to look at someone’s profile. Once you connect, you should have access to their email. Send them an email telling them that you’re interested in the work they’re doing and would like to speak with them. Many people are willing to give you 15 to 20 minutes on the phone or on Zoom if you’re thoughtful about it and explain what you’re looking to accomplish.

Also, many graduates underutilize their

alumni network. People love to talk to fellow alumni.

Q: Speaking of Zoom, any advice for job seekers who are asked to conduct an interview through Zoom or a similar virtual tool?
A: Some companies are using one-way interviews to screen job candidates. Instead of a call from HR, they’re sending a link to job candidates and telling them to go on video and record answers to three questions. There’s no one on the other end. It’s very stressful, but it’s a big money saver for employers.

But whether it’s a one-way or two-way interview, be prepared. Practice recording yourself answering questions and to see what you look like. You want to have eye contact, and to do that you need to look into the camera.



Steve Rosen
Kids & Money

Back-to-school spending

And you thought you had everything covered on your back-to-school shopping list. Think again.

This time of year, parents’ bank accounts can be exhausted faster than it takes to run through a pack of math flash cards with your third grader.

First there are new clothes, PTA membership fees, backpacks, school supplies and possibly a new laptop for the family. Then, don’t forget the extracurriculars — fees for sports clubs, scouting, ballet and dance.

Oh, and the start of the school year kicks off fundraising events. Think popcorn bins, candy bars, cookies and even early orders for Christmas wreaths.

Add it all up, and suddenly your bank account is leaking oil big time. It can be especially stunning if you’re shepherding a child to school for the first time.

Parents are feeling stressed. According to a Lending Tree survey, 75% of parents with kids younger than 18 are at least somewhat stressed about paying for back-to-school shopping, an increase from 67% last year.

If you’re concerned about blowing through your budget before you’ve even arrived at the mall or outlet store, here are some strategies to rein in expenses:

Start with some budgeting basics. Make sure your monthly income is first covering the essentials, such as housing, food, clothing and transportation. Are you putting away \$50 or \$100 a month into emergency savings?

“Only then can (parents) really make sure they have enough for other nonessential things,” said Vicki Fitzgerald, a family finance expert from Portland, Oregon, and author of “Simple Guide to Saving For the Young & Broke” and “Simple Guide to Saving on Food.”

Make a list of requested school supplies. This always worked for me, especially when I remembered to bring the list to shop. Start with the requested school supplies provided by your school district. Take inventory of what supplies you already have at home. Go through your kid’s dressers and closets to see what clothes and shoes they can still fit into before going out to buy a new wardrobe. And if you buy something new, something old should be given away.

The editors of Pennyhoarder.com remind parents to think about the costs that aren’t obvious. For example, do you need to stock up on masks and hand sanitizer? Will you need to buy uniforms or equipment for sports? Will your child need a physical before heading back to school?

Keep the extracurriculars in check. “Even if it is not a stretch for parents to cover the costs of fees for sports, clubs and scouting, they still need to sit down with their children and have an honest discussion about the costs of the various activities and whether they should invest in those fees,” Fitzgerald said.

They also need to discuss whether they want to invest the time, which can be considerable for both the children and parents for these activities.

When one of my kids played club soccer, the expenses went well beyond the monthly fee that covered coaching salaries and league fees. There were two sets of uniforms, plus warm-up jackets and pants, and additional fees if traveling out of town to tournaments. The cost for one year of club soccer was several thousand dollars, and that was after some fundraising drives.

Look for back-to-school discounts. Take advantage of sales tax holidays, if offered in your community. Shop the outlet stores and thrift shops for bargains. In addition, if your child needs a new laptop computer for high school, there are more deals on computers in August than any other time of the year except Black Friday.

The bottom line, Fitzgerald said: “Often the parents and children are presented with choices, so it’s best to decide as a family what makes the most sense for the family from a time, energy and budget standpoint.”

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Healthy condo has a flush reserve fund

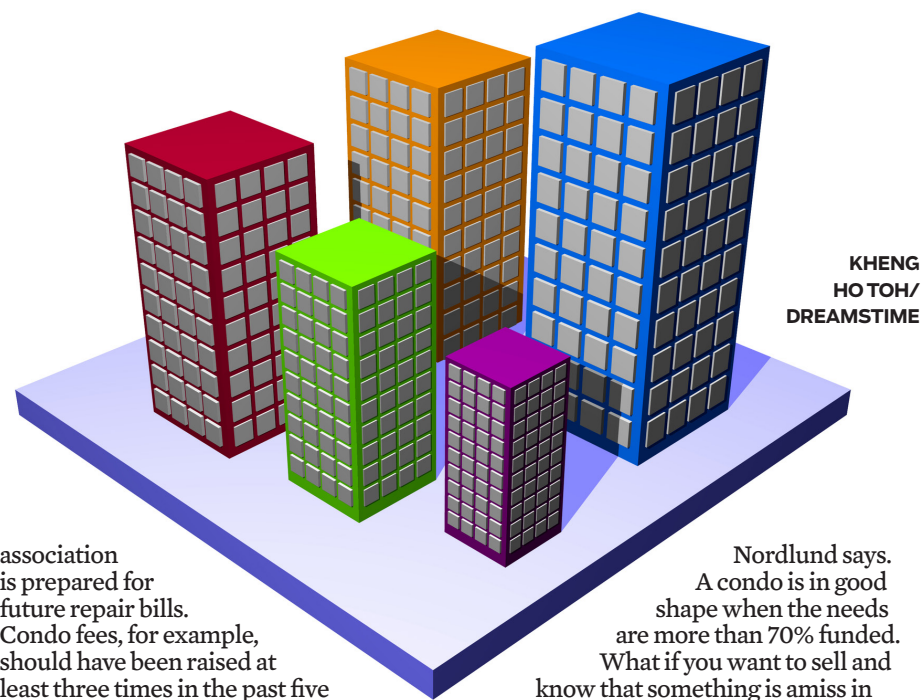
By Patricia Mertz Esswein
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

All condo owners contribute to their association’s reserve fund through their condo fee. But when the reserve fund isn’t enough to cover urgent work, owners are handed a big bill in the form of a special assessment. That can be especially painful for retirees on fixed incomes.

There’s no reason for condo owners to be blindsided. If you see something in your building that causes concern, say something, says Dawn Bauman, a senior vice president of the Community Associations Institute. Even better, she says, put your questions, concerns or requests for information in writing, addressed to the board.

If you’re not attending board meetings, read the meeting minutes, which are generally posted online or sent to owners. “Be concerned if there are no meeting minutes, some are missing, or the board has been preoccupied by minor issues at the expense of important decisions that affect home values,” says Robert Nordlund, CEO of Association Reserves, which conducts reserve studies for properties. He publishes a free guide, “7 Tips That Will Turn You Into an Informed Owner or Buyer,” at reservestudy.com/older-condos-resources.

Some of the same benchmarks that Nordlund tells buyers to look for can also help condo owners determine if the



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association is prepared for future repair bills. Condo fees, for example, should have been raised at least three times in the past five years, but condo owners often pressure the board of directors to keep the fee low. Without adequate funding, maintenance and repairs are deferred only to become more expensive later, increasing the odds of a crisis and the need for a special assessment.

Eric Glazer, a lawyer in Orlando, Florida, who specializes in condo law, says that retirees often like to brag about who has the cheapest condo fee. “The winner is actually the loser,” he says.

Another benchmark can be found in the reserve study, which should have been prepared by a credentialed specialist within the past few years. Owners should ask for a copy and check the percentage of anticipated needs met by current savings. This percentage “is the only way to link a condo’s financial and physical health,”

Nordlund says. A condo is in good shape when the needs are more than 70% funded.

What if you want to sell and know that something is amiss in your building? By law, you need only disclose defects that you know about within your unit, not those in the building or common area. Still, if many of your neighbors also list their units for sale, that can alert buyers that something’s up.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have imposed new guidelines for lenders to ferret out buildings that are too risky for mortgage loans. Lenders who want to sell loans to Fannie and Freddie must determine if a building has significant deferred maintenance, special assessments that adversely affect the condo association, insufficient reserve funding or no reserve study. The guidelines are temporary and subject to revision, but Bauman expects they will become permanent, making it harder for sellers of units in troubled buildings to get out.

Inflation’s impact on your taxes

By Joy Taylor
Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Q: What impact, if any, does rising inflation have on taxpayers?
A: Rising inflation is mixed news for taxpayers. Many tax breaks will be higher in 2023. Others stay stagnant, as they have for years.

First the good news for taxpayers. Income tax brackets will be wider in 2023 because they are annually indexed to inflation. Other tax breaks will also soar. Among them: Standard deductions. IRA caps. Income limits on EE and I savings bonds used for education. Lifetime estate-and-gift-tax exemption. Income levels for figuring whether long-term capital gains are

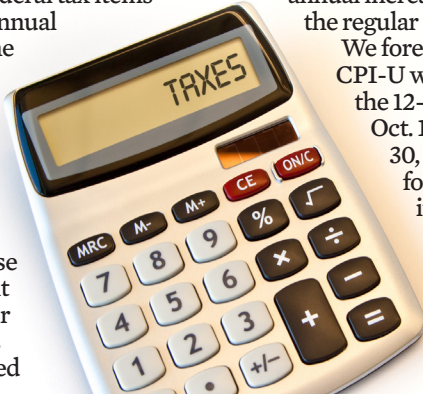
taxed at 0%, 15% or 20%. And more.

But taxpayers will really start to see the effects of a stealth 2017 tax hike: using the Chained CPI-U to adjust federal tax items for inflation. Before 2018, annual inflation adjustments for the tax brackets and other write-offs were based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). Economists argued that the CPI-U tends to overstate actual inflation because the formula doesn’t account for how people change their spending patterns as prices rise. The economists claimed

that the Chained CPI-U is a better inflation measure.

As a result, the 2017 tax law permanently changed the inflation indexing from the CPI-U to the Chained CPI-U. Using the Chained CPI-U results in lower annual inflation adjustments and, thus, smaller annual increases to tax breaks than the regular CPI-U.

We forecast that the Chained CPI-U will rise about 8.2% for the 12-month period from Oct. 1, 2021, through Sept. 30, 2022, the fiscal year for indexing 2023 tax items. Compare this with our forecasted increase of 9% or so for the regular CPI-U for the



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same 12-month period. This makes a tax difference, with lasting effects.

Many tax breaks and income levels aren’t indexed to inflation each year. For example, the taxation of Social Security benefits. For decades, the income thresholds at which Social Security benefits start getting taxed have stayed static at \$25,000 for individuals and \$32,000 for joint filers. These amounts don’t go up with inflation, despite the fact that Social Security benefits have gone up and people are generally earning more money than they did in the past. As a result, more cumulative Social Security benefits will be taxed this year than in 2021.

A House bill would hike the \$25,000 and \$32,000 thresholds to \$35,000 and \$50,000. However, it would also have the 6.2% Social Security tax for employees and employers kick in again for workers with wages over \$400,000, so it’s a no-go with Republicans.



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Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight gives Democrats a 57% chance of keeping control of the Senate in November, writes Douglas E. Schoen. **FILE**



Above, U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., speaks to supporters in Atlanta. Warnock's campaign has used Republican challenger Herschel Walker's hesitance to debate to claim he is not prepared to serve in the Senate. Democrats have a chance to keep control of the Senate due to the potential weaknesses of swing-state Republican candidates — such as Walker, top right, and Blake Masters, bottom right. **THE NEW YORK TIMES; AP**



ELECTION 2022 COMMENTARY

FOR DEMS, ALL HOPE NOT LOST

Due to extreme GOP Senate nominees, Democrats have a reasonable chance of retaining slim majority

By Douglas E. Schoen

In the November midterms, Republicans are widely expected to win control of the House — possibly by a landslide. However, the Senate is much more highly contested, and a GOP victory is by no means a guarantee.

Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight gives Democrats a 57% chance of keeping control of the Senate, but gives the GOP an 80% chance of winning the House. This discrepancy is due to the weakness of swing-state Republican Senate candidates, whose extreme positions, lack of experience or personal vulnerabilities make them far more susceptible to defeat in a statewide race than a more mainstream and experienced Republican would be.

That being said, if 2022 ends up being a red-wave election like 1994 or 2010 — as most predict it will be — the weakness of individual GOP candidates will be less important than the overall pro-Republican tide.

In Arizona, Donald Trump-backed venture capitalist Blake Masters just won the Republican nomination for Senate and will face incumbent Democratic Sen. Mark Kelly, whom FiveThirtyEight gives a 67% chance of winning in its forecast. Kelly also leads in all public polls conducted this summer by at least five points.

As one of the most extreme Republican swing-state Senate candidates, Masters champions far-right conspiracy theories, including Trump's "Big Lie" about the 2020 election and the anti-immigrant Great Replacement Theory. He is also well outside the mainstream on key issues, as he is anti-gay marriage, anti-abortion, and anti-American aid to Ukraine.

In Georgia, former NFL star Herschel Walker, Trump's hand-picked nominee, is a highly problematic general election candidate. He openly echoes conspiracy theories surrounding the 2020 election, COVID-19 and evolution, and has been embattled in a number of personal scandals — including lying about working in law enforcement.

As a result, even though Georgia

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Rap music should not be evidence in criminal courtrooms



Kevin Rennie

You need to know more about rap music. It is at the center of a critical struggle between creativity and criminal law.

Prosecutors have been attempting to use rap performances by defendants as evidence that the artists were signaling their intent

to commit crimes. The practice has been deployed in the prosecution of Black men, who dominate the music genre.

In a 2021 press release announcing the indictments for murder of the Bridgeport gang East End, the U.S. attorney's office claimed, "East End members celebrated their criminal conduct on social media websites such as Facebook and YouTube..."

A federal indictment against alleged members of rival Bridgeport gang Only North End (O.N.E.) claims the defendants

"promoted and celebrated criminal conduct of the [gang], namely acts of violence against rival gang members, in rap music uploaded to websites such as SoundCloud and YouTube." The government is attempting to make the performance part of the crime.

Joshua Gilbert is a defendant in the O.N.E. prosecution. He is charged with car theft, drug dealing and homicide. Gilbert is a rising rap performer known as Lor Heavy. His music videos have been viewed more than 1 million times of YouTube. They are full-

fledged productions with guns as props, references to rivalries and "going stick to stick."

Prosecutors have been using rap videos, songs and lyrics as evidence of a defendant's propensity to commit the crimes they are charged with. Gilbert's lawyer points out that the standard elements of rap music "the boasting, the penchant for violence, the displays of guns and drugs, the discussion of crime, the belittling of cooperators, the territorialism — are all standard 'gansta rap' tropes." They prove nothing

about what Gilbert did but are likely to inflame a jury that knows little about rap. The deliberation room is no place for jurors to cobble together a seminar on rap.

My knowledge of rap is limited to watching two seasons of Sean Combs's "The Four: Battle for Stardom." Gilbert's videos reveal a performer. One online reviewer wrote in 2020, "Lor Heavy drops off his video for 'Dead Cappers Freestyle' and he's in the studio with heavy artillery. He talks

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OPINION

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Caution is key in making economic decisions

By Demissew Diro Ejara

Several economic facts have been reported in the past weeks. The inflation rate is 9.1% year over year. Gross domestic product (GDP) declined by 0.9% during the second quarter of 2022. Since GDP declined by 1.6% in the first quarter, the sequence officially makes the economy in recession. The National Bureau of Economic Research defines recession as decline in aggregate economic activities for two consecutive quarters. The Federal Reserve Bank, the monetary policy-making body of the United States, increased the target federal funds rate by 0.75% to the range of 2.25%-2.5%. The goal of interest rate increase is to fight inflation.

On the positive side, the unemployment rate is at a historic low of 3.6% and many vacancy announcements are posted at job sites. Both Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank, and Janet Yellen, treasury secretary, stated positive views on the economy. The stock market rose despite many companies missing on quarterly earnings reports. The stock market is one of the leading economic indicators. So, the stocks making a turn to green from mostly red during the first half of the year indicates that we have turned a corner. The uniqueness of the current economic situation is that it is mainly caused by the high energy cost due to oil supply shortages related to the war in Ukraine and the shortage of chips to manufacture certain equipment including computers and autos.

The Biden administration released hundreds of millions of barrels of oil from the national reserve to increase supply. It promised to release more as necessary. This might increase the supply and reduce energy prices and hence some inflation. The U.S. Senate has approved \$52 billion to support production of chips in the U.S. The bill is expected to be approved by Congress. That also will help



The Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the Financial District in Manhattan is shown. The monetary policy-making body of the United States increased the target federal funds rate by 0.75% to the range of 2.25%-2.5%. The goal of interest rate increase is to fight inflation. **TED SHAFFREY/AP**

overcome the chips shortage and production slowdown in computers and other equipment. This might appear as an expenditure that increases inflation but unlike spending on entitlements, for example, this is being spent on production. Its impact on inflation is minimal.

The increase in oil supply and the Federal Reserve Bank's interest rate increase might tame inflation. If inflation doesn't decrease soon, the Fed might increase rates

again in September. Since the unemployment rate is low and stock prices are also rising, the Fed can have free hand to tackle inflation. The current inflationary condition will not last long. In a couple of quarters, we probably should see a return to normal conditions. Of course, other factors might arise and change the course of the economy.

Impact on consumers: Consumers are negatively affected by the rising prices of consumer goods ranging from gasoline to food and housing. The increase in interest rates will increase the cost of consumer loans and discourage borrowing and spending. That is the very intent of the Fed when it raises interest rates. So what should consumers do? Consumers should postpone major purchases if possible.

Housing: Home prices increased significantly. If the increase in interest rates brings down home prices, it would be a good buying opportunity. Even if interest rates are high, long-term loans like mortgages can be refinanced later when rates decrease.

Investment: Stock prices decreased significantly since the beginning of 2022. The recent rise in stock prices implies that we probably reached the bottom and made a turnaround. It might indicate the beginning of recovery. This is a good time to buy stocks. The selection of specific sectors or stocks depends in general on the investment objectives. REITs and other high-dividend-paying stocks are suitable for income objective. Long-term goals are better met with growth stocks such as technology companies. There is great uncertainty at the moment. Opinions and economic forecasts might indicate a positive outlook. But caution should be exercised in every decision.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deming Ridge project ignored neighboring farm

The Deming Ridge project that was written about is situated adjacent to Cold Spring Brook Farm [Connecticut, Page 1, July 26, "Berlin apartment complex aids town in reaching 10% 'affordable housing' goal"]. This makes them our neighbors. When the project was being approved, we submitted a letter to the town explaining the nature of our agricultural activities. There was no reply from the town or state. Development is situated within 20 feet of our fields. We had hoped a buffer would be included in the plans between the properties, but this did not occur. Eversource, however, was provided with a buffer.

When tenants move in, they are going to be right up against an operating farm. The nature of crop production doesn't necessarily lend itself to having neighbors so close without a buffer. We are planning to erect our own buffer of trees and dust netting to separate the properties at our expense. While it's laudable for the state to allocate \$12 million to help the disadvantaged find housing, it would have also been nice to have been included in the discussion of what our needs might be

in welcoming this complex. The farming community is certainly not the most advantaged either.

Eric Peterson, Berlin
The writer is a partner in the company that owns Cold Spring Brook Farm and a farm manager

Letter writer totally wrong about use of 'Latinx'

The entitled, arrogant ignorance on display from Hernan LaFontaine on the usage of "Latinx" is truly mind-boggling [Letter, July 24, "Eliminate usage of 'Latinx'"]. Not only does he have absolutely no cogent argument, he has it completely backward. We should be eliminating the term "Hispanic." It is pretty sad to see someone who is Puerto Rican and a former school superintendent not have any idea how problematic, artificial and colonial the term "Hispanic" is at the same time as being factually incorrect and cluelessly reactionary on the use and history of the term "Latinx." For a real argument on this topic, see Araceli Cruz's article "The Problematic History of the Word 'Hispanic.'" **Jason Villani, Wallingford**

Story omitted Italian specialty markets

In the article on ethnic grocery stores in the state, writer Susan Dunne omits the most obvious of all — Italian markets [Page 1, July 28, "A point of reference"]. While references are made to Polish, Mexican, Indian, Japanese, Moroccan, Brazilian and Asian, there is no mention of Italian grocery stores. Odd considering that Connecticut, along with Rhode Island, has the highest Italian American population of any state in the country, many of whom frequent their favorite Italian stores to pick up ethnic delicacies and keep up a vibrant tradition. Might I recommend that the author pay a lunchtime visit to one — DiBacco's on Franklin Avenue in Hartford — and see for herself? She can enjoy real homemade Italian food prepared in the traditional manner.

Pat Settembrino, Old Saybrook

GOP debate opened my eyes on how to vote

I thank the Courant and its staff for coverage of the debate between state

Senate hopefuls Themis Klarides, Peter Lumaj and Leora Levy. They have shown us, through their own words, that they are gun-loving, anti-choice, Trump-loving, slow-witted, evasive and petty.

The only decision I have left to consider is, which Democratic candidate should I vote for?

Alfred Fichman, Bloomfield

Supreme Court justices aware of facts of life

Joel Samberg says that Supreme Court justices are ignorant and do not understand the natural human sex drive [courant.com, July 15, "The ignorance of some Supreme Court justices"]. However, the justices obviously are aware that sex can cause pregnancy. Is there any American ignorant of that?

Whether pregnancy is deliberate or not, it is always possible. Fortunately for us, Supreme Court justices are not ignorant of that uncomfortable fact of life. It does not change simply because we don't like it. That is a fact of life of which we had better not be ignorant.

James F. Kinnane, Newington

Election

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is one of the redder swing states, both FiveThirtyEight and The Cook Political Report rate Walker's race against incumbent Sen. Raphael Warnock as a toss-up — yet, comparatively, FiveThirtyEight gives Republican Gov. Brian Kemp an 85% chance of winning his statewide race in Georgia.

In addition, though the Senate race in Ohio is likely to break for Trump-endorsed Republican J.D. Vance, recent polling shows Vance's opponent, Congressman Tim Ryan, trailing by just three points, or in some polls, slightly leading.

The closeness of this statewide race — in a state that Trump won by eight points in 2016 and 2020 — is indicative of Vance's weaknesses as a candidate.

Not only is Vance inexperienced, but he has also made a number of extreme remarks. He has called law enforcement "corrupt," said that rape was "inconvenient" and suggested that abortion is as morally reprehensible as slavery. Recently, he has come under fire for suggesting that "violent" marriages should not end in divorce.

To be sure, Ryan is also a comparatively strong candidate — as he is running to the center of his party on issues such as the economy and crime and is making explicit appeals to Republicans by running ads on Fox News.

In the race for Pennsylvania's open Senate seat, which is being vacated by Republican Pat Toomey, the progressive Demo-



In the race for Pennsylvania's open Senate seat, which is being vacated by Republican Pat Toomey, the progressive Democrat John Fetterman, left, leads television doctor Mehmet Oz by approximately 10 points. **APPHOTOS**

crat John Fetterman leads television personality Dr. Mehmet Oz by approximately 10 points, and FiveThirtyEight's forecast gives Fetterman a 57% chance of winning.

As a progressive running in a swing state during a favorable year for Republicans, Fetterman's relative strength in the race is noteworthy. However, Oz endured a bruising primary election — during which opponent David McCormick attacked him for his inexperience and lack of ties to Pennsylvania.

Lastly, in Nevada, Republican Adam Laxalt, former state attorney general, is running against Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto. Notwithstanding Laxalt's embrace of Trump's 2020 election claims, he is one of the more mainstream candidates mentioned here and is an experienced politician.

The result of this toss-up Senate race — between an establishment Democratic incumbent and an experienced Republican — will arguably be

more indicative of Democrats' overall midterm performance than the races in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arizona and, to a lesser extent, in Ohio.

While Democrats are by no means a shoo-in to win any of these races, or control of the Senate, the GOP's failure to nominate more moderate candidates in these races is giving Democrats a reasonable chance of retaining their slim Senate majority.

At the same time, the fact that these Senate races are rated as toss-ups — even though Republicans are running fringe candidates — is indicative of how favorable the national political climate is for the GOP.

Clearly, Republicans still have an overall advantage this year: President Joe Biden's approval rating just hit a record low, and voters widely trust Republicans over Democrats to handle the key issues facing the country — including inflation, border security and crime.

Historical trends also work in the GOP's favor, as the president's party has lost House seats in every midterm election except for two since 1946 and has only gained Senate seats in four.

If Democratic candidates in these Senate races, and national Democrats as a whole, aren't able to sell themselves as a reasonable alternative to extreme Republicans — and just as importantly, aren't able to create distance from the failures of the Biden administration — Republicans could very-well win back the Senate and retain control for years to come.

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Rennie

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about how the streets don't respect liars and how lying can get you hurt. Lor Heavy is putting his real life in his raps, and it's appealing to his audience"

Jay Z, the phenomenally successful rapper and producer, knows the business and is alarmed by prosecutors using performances as evidence of a crime. He and other artists supported a proposal by New York state Sens. Brad Hoylman and Jamaal Bailey to limit the use of an artist's creative expression in criminal trials.

In written testimony submitted on behalf of Jay Z and other artists, Jay Z's lawyer Alex Spiro and University of Richmond professor Erik Nelson argued that rap "is rooted in the long tradition of storytelling that privileges figurative language, is steeped in hyperbole and employ all of the same devices we find in more traditional works of poetry." These are tales as old as time.

Prosecutors, the supporters of the legislation argue, present "rap lyrics as rhymed confessions of illegal behavior," allowing them "to obtain convictions even when other evidence is lacking." The trend is growing, and where the weight of it has fallen should surprise no one. "[T]he overwhelming majority of artists in these cases are young black and Latino men," according to Spiro and Nelson.

Billboard, the bible of the music business, reported the legislation "would limit the circumstances in which any form of 'creative expression' can be shown as evidence of a crime to a jury. If passed, prosecutors could only present such material to jurors if

they can show that an expressive work is 'literal, rather than figurative or fictional.' " A performance is not a diary or a confession. It's art. If a free society is to flourish, art cannot be distorted into an admission of a crime.

Popular music has long baffled and sometimes infuriated established figures. Elvis Presley's hip-gyrating performances in the 1950s caused one Florida judge to threaten the singer with jail. Cameras during one of the rock 'n' roll phenomenon's 1957 performances on the popular Ed Sullivan television show did not show him below the waist.

Depictions of violence are staples of fiction, film, television and music. Rap is part of that tradition.

The law has not always tried to meld an artist's public and private personas in criminal prosecutions. Jack Benny, one of the 20th century's great and durable comedians, portrayed himself as epically stingy on his popular radio and television shows. In 1939, Benny was prosecuted for purchasing jewelry smuggled into the United States from Europe. Prosecutors did not attempt to use Benny's radio scripts as a confession. He pleaded guilty, paid a fine and spent a year on probation.

These are less restrained times, and rap elicits a different reaction from the powerful. The NY proposal passed the Senate, but time ran out before the Assembly could act. Hoylman and Bailey are going to introduce it again. Someone in Connecticut committed to free expression and creativity should too.

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COMMENTARY

Democracy is hard. It's supposed to be.

By Jonathan Bernstein
Bloomberg Opinion

Legislation helping veterans exposed to toxic trash-incineration pits while serving overseas finally passed the Senate last week. Comedian and activist Jon Stewart, who had worked hard to elevate the problem and then to help get the bill across the finish line, expressed frustration that the process had been so arduous.

"I'm not sure I've ever seen a situation where people who have already given so much had to fight so hard to get so little," Stewart said.

Similarly, journalist Wesley Lowery tweeted: "Jon Stewart is an excellent example of the power of celebrity when [it's] wielded strategically and unrelentingly on a single issue - and also, it says a lot about our system that an issue like *this would require a celebrity's unrelenting advocacy for years in order to be addressed"

Lowery is right. It does say something about the U.S. political system and about democracy in general. But it isn't necessarily something bad.

First, democracy in general. There are no consensus issues in a country of 330 million people. Even if the basic idea is overwhelmingly popular — few seem to oppose benefits for veterans who were harmed in the line of duty — that still leaves questions including who should be eligible, what treatments should be covered and who should pay for them.

Beyond that, something only becomes overwhelmingly popular if people notice it in the first place, and in a very large nation there are a lot of problems that people are upset about. So beyond the challenge of getting people to agree on everything, there is the challenge of convincing people to focus on the problem in the first place. It's not surprising that having a celebrity activist involved helps. In other words, it isn't easy because self-government for a very large polity is never easy.

But it's probably more difficult in the United States thanks to the convoluted system of separated institutions sharing powers, which multiplies the veto points within the system and makes it difficult to get things done with simple majorities. But that, too, has its advantages. Or at least that's how I read James Madison's understanding of the system he helped create.

Here's the history. The people involved in the American Revolution wanted to establish what they called republican government — some form of rule by all citizens, or what we usually call democracy. This wasn't new to the 18th-century



Comedian and activist Jon Stewart hugs Rosie Torres, wife of veteran Le Roy Torres, who suffers from illnesses related to his exposure to burn pits in Iraq, after the Senate passed the PACT Act on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

U.S.; there is a long line of political theorists and political participants who had similar republican views.

Collectively, they had a very limited idea of who should be included as full citizens, or even as full humans. But even among those they considered to be part of "the people" whom they wanted to rule, the revolutionaries believed that self-government could only work with a virtuous citizenry. If the people became corrupt, self-government couldn't work. And among their meanings of corrupt was the idea of narrow, material self-interest. Indeed, it wasn't just that self-government would fail if those involved cared only about narrow self-interest. Even more than that, they correctly worried that if people were mainly concerned about themselves, they wouldn't get involved in public affairs at all. And as the revolution wound down, that was pretty much what seemed to be happening. George Washington's decision to resign his military commission at the close of the revolution and leave public life (temporarily, as it turned out) was a strong example of republican heroism, since he rejected the idea of the hero of the revolution becoming a king.

But it also played into the idea that those who cared about public affairs need only get involved during crises. That worried some of the Founding Fathers, who thought they were seeing the demise of republican virtue and the onset of corruption. If "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" turned out to be about private happiness and not the civic-minded idea of public happiness — the satisfaction of acting with others in the political arena, with the reward of building the fame and reputation that Washington had won — then the revolution would have been for nothing. But Madison came up with a bold solution. What if seeking narrowly self-interested objectives out of the government wasn't corrupt after all, but a legitimate lure to convince people to get involved in public life in the first place? The ultimate republican goal of self-government and public happiness — the idea that participation in public affairs is valuable and rewarding for its own sake — would still be the same. But Madison saw that most citizens wouldn't get involved without a private interest at stake. If that's the case, then we can think of the complex system of multiple points where policy ideas can

be initiated or vetoed as a mechanism to force those who choose to advocate for something such as a veteran's health bill into having to learn the system, bargain with others with equally legitimate private interests and work out compromises. That is, it's a system that tries to teach the advantages of a life of public participation.

All of this can be extremely frustrating to those aware of injustices who can't manage to get them addressed, especially when they believe the majority is on their side. But democracy isn't the rule of majorities. It's the rule of the people, all of them, right or wrong. That this often comes down to majority vote is fine. The Madisonian goal, however, isn't to translate majority opinion into government policy; indeed, Madison expresses doubt (in "Federalist No. 10") that majorities as such even exist in the large polities he was imagining, which are surely much smaller than what the U.S. has become. The goal is self-government. And if that makes something that "should" be easy into something much harder? It might be a trade-off worth making.

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Republicans flail and fail on taxes



Paul Krugman

Kyrsten Sinema willing, Democrats appear to be on the verge of passing the Inflation Reduction Act — a bill that probably would, indeed, reduce inflation but is mainly a desperately

needed effort to limit climate change. Republicans are, of course, attacking the legislation.

But when I look at the substance of those attacks, such as it is, I can't help feeling more cheerful than I have in months. For one thing, the debate over the proposal feels like a return to a more innocent time, when Republicans tried to make their case with dishonest claims about economic policy — not insane conspiracy theories and attempts to overthrow democracy.

For another, the Republican critique of the bill is extraordinarily weak. And that's a good omen for Democrats' new approach to climate policy — one that relies mainly on carrots rather than sticks, on incentives to do the right thing rather than penalties for doing the wrong thing. We're already seeing just how hard it is for Republicans to attack this approach, and it will get even harder once the public starts to see the benefits of environmental investments.

So, about that critique. The act calls for \$369 billion in climate spending — mainly tax credits for families and businesses that adopt clean-energy technologies, improve energy efficiency and so on. It would also spend \$64 billion on extending subsidies that help keep health insurance affordable. This new spending would be fully paid for, and then some, mainly by cracking down on tax avoidance and evasion. The biggest revenue source is to be a new minimum tax on large corporations. The legislation would also give a desperately underfunded Internal Revenue Service more resources to crack down on tax cheats. And it would seek to save Medicare money by giving the program the power to negotiate over drug prices.

How can Republicans attack such a bill? They can't openly defend the interests of tax evaders and avoiders, although their long-term efforts to starve the IRS of resources show that in practice they are pro-tax cheater. What they have done, instead, is claim — citing an estimate from Congress' nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, known as JCT — that the legislation would raise taxes on the middle class and that this violates one of Joe Biden's campaign pledges.

It's a bogus claim, on multiple levels. First, the act wouldn't raise personal income taxes on anyone. Full stop.

What the JCT projects instead are "distributional effects," an attempt to

estimate the indirect burden on families resulting from other taxes, which in this case essentially means the possible effect on wages of requiring large corporations to pay a minimal amount of tax.

Estimating these effects is useful, but are they a "tax increase" on workers? Almost any government policy will have an adverse effect on the income of someone, somewhere; is everything the government does a tax increase?

Furthermore, if we're going to consider the indirect effect on family incomes of legislation that doesn't directly affect their taxes, why not consider the whole act, not just part of it? The JCT table that Republicans are citing notes that it excludes the impact of several major pieces of the bill that would help families, in ways ranging from reduced drug costs and larger health insurance subsidies to clean-energy incentives. Add those in and the middle class almost surely ends up ahead.

Another point I haven't seen emphasized is that the bill would probably reduce air pollution in general, not just greenhouse gas emissions, which would have major health benefits — and monetary benefits, too.

Wait, there's more. The JCT assumes that a significant part of the revenue to be gained from taxing corporations would eventually come out of wages. That's an area of intense academic debate, but there are good reasons to believe that when you're cracking down on tax avoidance the effect on wages is actually minimal.

Finally, despite all the ways the JCT analysis tilts the playing field against the Inflation Reduction Act, the claimed increase in middle-class taxes is tiny. For example, according to the JCT, the federal tax rate on families earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000 a year would rise from 13% to ... 13.1%.

So the Republican attack on this proposal is, in a word, pathetic. The only way it might gain traction is if the media "bothsides" its reporting, failing to inform news consumers that Republican claims about the bill are in fact untrue. That is, unfortunately, a real possibility. Any news report to the effect that "Republicans say the bill would raise middle-class taxes" that doesn't point out that this claim is false betrays the public interest.

Misinformation aside, however, the right-wing attack on Democrats' new climate policy is, as I said, extraordinarily weak — and that's a wonderful thing to see. While the Inflation Reduction Act is a big deal in itself, many of us hope that it will be only the down payment on an even bigger effort to save the planet. And if this is the best the planet's enemies can do, that's a very good omen.

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Dems taking Manchin for a ride

By Ramesh Ponnuru
Bloomberg Opinion

In the week since he reached a deal with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on the "Inflation Reduction Act," Sen. Joe Manchin has been everywhere promoting it. One of the West Virginia Democrat's top selling points is the promise to speed up permitting for U.S. energy production.

It's a worthwhile idea. Stifling domestic production to send a message to the world about climate change has never made much sense. Indeed, it's the best idea in the deal. Too bad it isn't in the bill itself.

In return for supporting a fraction of the grab bag of taxes and spending most of his Democratic colleagues have been seeking over the past 20 months, Manchin has gotten an agreement that Schumer will hold a vote on the permitting reforms. But he has extracted no concessions that his colleagues will actually support them. If Democrats wanted to enact the reforms, they could easily do it independently of any new taxes and spending. Congressional Republicans would vote with them.

Something else that isn't really in the bill? An answer to the high inflation we're going through. There are, it's true, some serious economists who will make excuses for the title of the bill, although even they generally say any disinflationary effect it has will be mild. (Nobody maintains with a straight face that the bill was devised with the goal of fighting inflation foremost in mind.)

The main argument for the mild effect is that the bill raises taxes more than it raises spending and that this will help to cool down the economy. But even the small effect the optimists see is exaggerated.

That's because the deficit reduction is smaller than the advertised \$305 billion. This number assumes that the bill's extension of subsidies for Obamacare — subsidies Democrats have put in place to offset Obamacare's costly regulations — will end in 2025. Fat chance. It also counts the mythical savings from continuing not to carry out an abortive Trump initiative on drug pricing. Take away these gimmicks and we're talking about \$30 billion in deficit reduction over 10 years.

There's also a timing problem. The Penn Wharton Budget Model projects that the bill will increase the deficit during the next four years. Almost 90% of the deficit reduction would happen from 2029 through 2031. (Assuming the Obamacare subsidies will be extended again makes it about 153%.)

But inflation is too high now. Tight money from the Federal Reserve, as most of the economists in favor of the bill concede, is the main policy lever to bring it down. The Fed is suggesting it will do

what it takes to go back to 2% annual inflation in the next 2-3 years. Running a very slightly smaller deficit from 2029 through 2032 can do almost nothing to help the Fed accomplish this goal. Running a higher deficit for the next four years certainly won't help.

The case for the bill has to dwell on its main components rather than its supposed inflation-fighting rationale. But those components are not compelling either. Instead of throwing more money at Obamacare, we should allow people, and where necessary, help them, to buy cheap, renewable catastrophic health coverage. Shifting toward price controls for pharmaceuticals will discourage innovation. The bill's green spending is expected to make our already declining carbon emissions decline faster. But there is probably a reason advocates are not estimating what effect that acceleration will have on global temperatures.

Then there are the measures to increase revenue. Added funding for the Internal Revenue Service would be more tolerable if it were accompanied by reform of that agency. It isn't.

And the "book minimum tax" on businesses is a terrible idea. It subjects companies to different tax codes in different years and encourages them to game the system. It reduces the effect of previous legislative efforts to lower the burden of taxes on investment, and imposes a particular burden on manufacturing. Raising the corporate income tax would have been more straightforward while doing less to distort the economy.

These measures also come with an opportunity cost. We'll probably need to raise revenue as part of a plan to contain and cover the future costs of Medicare and Social Security. Pass this bill, and these tax increases, which are relatively easy politically, won't be available for any such plan.

Democrats, naturally, think more highly of the components of this bill than I do, and are willing to overlook its flaws because of its overall purpose. But what is its overall purpose, really? It's not fighting inflation or reducing deficits. The original point of this bill was to enact as many Democratic tax and spending wishes as could get 50 senators' votes. There was never any more coherent idea behind it, which helps explain why Democrats have had so much trouble making the case for it.

Now that imperative has been joined to the desire to salvage something out of the many months Democrats have been working on this project. They want to shore up morale as they head into the midterm elections. I wish they could find a less expensive way to do it.

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Anders, Joan F (Sullivan)

Joan, 86, died peacefully, family by her side, May 5, 2022. Born March 26, 1936, Providence, R.I. to Agnes (Hennessy) and John Sullivan. Joan attended St. Mary's Academy-BayView, & Katherine Gibbs School. Joan cherished her 36yr marriage to the late Frank Anders, they lovingly raised their four children in Bloomfield & Windsor CT. Continuing to hold dear a close family, as their children married. Cheri (David) Bieber, Laurie (Craig) Sylvia, Sue (John) Bythrow, and Bill (Colleen) Anders. As life went on, Joan (Mimi) continued to gift unconditional love on her beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Brendon, & Eric Bieber, Matthew & Sam Sylvia, Rosemary (Ian) Lockard, Hannah, Philip, & Sarah Bythrow, and Megan & Carly Anders along with treasured caregivers, relatives, friends & pets. Joan enjoyed, socializing, travel & being the Ad Gal for the Yankee Flyer. Joan lived at "Lodge at Cold Spring" Rocky Hill CT, where she was an active member of her community. Fortunately, we will always have her loving presence within us.

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Gabianelli, Eugene Joseph



Eugene Joseph Gabianelli passed away peacefully at age 90 in St. Louis on Friday, July 29, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Nancy Mack Gabianelli.

Born on April 3, 1932 in Derby, Connecticut to Rose and Eugene Gabianelli, he lived a joyful American dream. He was raised in a multigenerational home which often had an aromatic las-gna in the oven. Italian was spoken among adults, but never to children, and Zinfandel was made in the basement. Education was paramount for "Sonny" and his two sisters, who became the first generation in the family to attend college. Always an avid reader and sportsman, he excelled academically and on the gridiron at Ansonia High School, graduating in 1949. After receiving multiple scholarship offers, he enrolled at Dartmouth College, where he earned a Bachelors in English in 1953 and an MBA from Amos Tuck School of Business in 1954. He was a two way starter on the football team and active in the Rugby Club and Psi U fraternity.



After college, Gene served two years in the U.S. Army, first at Fort Dix in New Jersey and later in Fairbanks, Alaska. At Fort Dix, he played two football games per week, one for the military base and one for a local semipro team. Although contacted by the Philadelphia Eagles, he chose to attend University of Michigan Law School and graduated in 1958. In Ann Arbor, he met the love of his life, Nancy Louise Mack, a fine arts graduate student from Saginaw, Michigan. They married in September 1958 and remained married for the next 64 years. Out of law school he joined the law firm Allen and Allen in St. Louis, which later became Lewis Rice Tucker Allen and Chubb. During 46 years in estate planning at Lewis Rice, Gene mentored many fine young attorneys, ran the department for years, and served as trusted advisor and friend to his clients.

He became very active in the community, serving as general counsel for the St. Louis Commu-nity Foundation from 1989-1998 and Board Chair from 1997-1999. He enjoyed sitting as Mu-nicipal Judge in Ladue for many years. He was a loyal fan of the football and baseball Cardi-nals and the St. Louis Blues. He enjoyed the thrill of competition and companionship during many years of participation in rugby, fast-pitch softball, squash, distance cycling, skiing (which he began at age 49), tennis, and eventually bridge. "Gabby's" ski trips with college buddies and families who became known as "The Aspen Has Beens" are a grand tradition continuing to this day. After bouncing off the wind-shield of a pickup truck during a bike ride at age 52, he ended his cycling career out of concern for other vehicles.

He was always grateful for his Dartmouth education and passionately believed in equal oppor-tunity for education and employment. He proudly served on the Dartmouth Alumni Council when it first chose to admit women, inter-viewed countless applicants, and served as the District Enrollment Director for the St. Louis area for several years. Later, Gene established the Ga-bianelli Family Scholarship at Dartmouth.

An avid fisherman, Gene tied flies weekly with a group of friends and fished around the globe, including in the Dartmouth Grant, in Patagonia, and above the Arctic Circle. "Gino" loved all things Italian, whether cooking cioccioli alla carbonara at home, befriending cousins in Fano, Italy, or studying Italian in night class. He arranged several epic trips to Fano and forged a bond which will endure for generations. Gene's joyful and loving curiosity about the people in his life infected all of these adventures, and even his work. His clients and travel companions be-came his lifelong friends.

Gene was at heart a family man. His ethical and moral compass was without equal and influ-enced all around him. He was adored by his three children who grew up in Brentwood and Ladue, Missouri. The family enjoyed countless Ozark River canoe trips and vacations to Stony Lake in Michigan. Known as "Nonno" to his grandchildren, he was always loving, whether watching sports games, leading canoe trips, cooking Thanksgiving turkeys, or whipping up pas-ta puttanesca.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents, sister Norma Le Febvre, and brother-in-law Al Le Febvre. He is survived by his sister Linda Gabianelli of Bloomfield, Connecticut, wife Nancy (née Mack) Gabianelli, children Gino (Nancy) of Atlanta, Georgia, Nina of Aspen, Colorado, and David (Diane) of San Francisco, California. He will be dearly missed by six grandchildren: Joey, Anna, John, Garrett, Jason, and Christopher, and by nieces and nephews: Gene, Neil, Alison, Nicole, and Michelle.

Nonno's grip will endure in the Gabianelli family and his circle of friends forever, from the United States to the coast of the Adriatic Sea in Fano, Italy.

Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held on October 29 at The Gatesworth in St Louis. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The St. Louis Community Foundation at: stlgives.org or St. Louis Community Foundation #2 Oak Knoll Park St. Louis, MO 63105

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Beverley, Lascalles B.



Lascalles Boyd "Johnny Fowler" Beverley, 77, of Hartford, CT, passed away in Kingston, Jamaica, Friday, July 8, 2022. Johnny was born in the parish of Clarendon, Jamaica in the district of Nine Turns on July 6, 1945 and he was the second child born of the late Ivan and Isobell (McFayden) Beverley. Lascalles leaves to mourn his passing; his loving wife Joan; his children Sophia, Kendra, Andrew, Rashida (Oneil) and John Jr. aka Suge; his brother Roy; his sister Marcia; grandchildren, Marcus, Brianna, Robert, Davia, Alexandra & Abigail; great-grandchildren, Shami, Maya, Kailyn, Harmoni & Jeremiah as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins & some really really great friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Ivan and Isobell Beverley; siblings, Manley aka Tata, Granville, Owen & Phyllis Beverley. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 12th, 10 a.m. at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. His family will receive friends 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Interment will follow in Mount St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To attend remotely please click on the tribute wall at 9:45 am. Professional Services Entrusted to: Carmon Funeral Homes, 807 Bloomfield Ave, Windsor, CT 06095. To leave a message of comfort for the Beverley family, or to attend the service virtually, please visit www.carmonfuneral.com.



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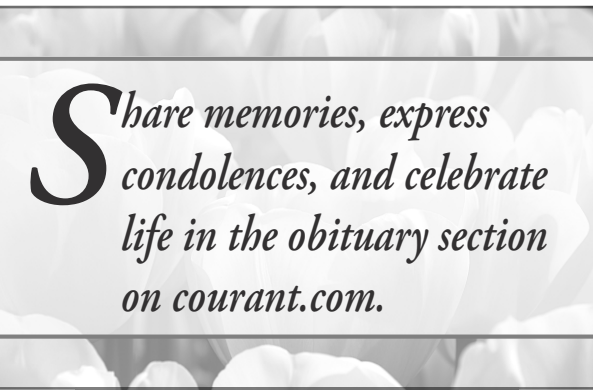
Tokarz, Diane D. (Pinkerton)



Diane D. (Pinkerton) Tokarz, 77, beloved wife of the late Edward "Eddie" Tokarz, passed away peacefully at Middlesex Hospital after a brief illness. Born November 30, 1944 in Middletown she was the daughter of the late Edward and Rose (Dureay) Pinkerton. Diane was a 1962 graduate of East Hampton High School and had worked as an Administrator at Stone Haven Rehabilitation facility in Portland. Diane was a member of the East Hampton Senior Center, and was a past member of the PTO, East Hampton Little League, Old Home Days Committee and the East Hampton High School Class of 1962 Reunions. She loved working in her gardens and hosting legendary pool parties. She also enjoyed traveling. Her greatest joy was spending quality time with family and friends. Diane is survived by her son William Tokarz and his wife Allison of East Hampton, her daughter Tracy Moody and husband Christopher of Virginia, a sister Linda Mattson and husband Pete of Maine, and her beloved granddaughters Brooke and Jordan Moody.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main St. East Hampton on Wednesday Aug. 10th at 11:00AM. Burial will follow in the family plot in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portland. Friends may call on Wednesday at the Funeral Home from 9:30AM until 11:00AM. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Case, Kenneth Edgett



Church, P.O. Box 369, Canton, CT 06019. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Sasso, Samuel "Skip"



Samuel "Skip" Sasso, 63, of Manchester, beloved husband of Lynn (Falco) Sasso passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Skip was born on May 14, 1959, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, one of two children of the late Samuel and Judy (Ely) Sasso.

In addition to his beloved wife, Lynn, he is survived by his son, Paul A. Sasso, and his wife Gina, and their two children Maya and Macy, all of Plantsville; his daughter, Samantha M. Sasso, of New York, NY; his step mom, Norma Sasso, of Florida; his sister, Theresa Taniewski; his brother, Jamie Sasso, both of New Jersey; his sister Emily Sasso, of Florida; and many nieces, nephews, and good friends. There will be a celebration of Skip's life in the coming months with a place, date, and time to be announced. There are no calling hours. Samsel and Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor is assisting the family. To leave a condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Witkowski, Linda (Sutherland)

Linda (Sutherland) Witkowski, 82, of Farmington, passed away at home on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. She was born in Boston, MA, sixth child of the late John and Sarah (Cameron) Sutherland. Linda LOVED Christmas, being a redhead, any kind of chocolate, ACP sundaes, Wendy's Jr. Bacon Cheeseburgers, Cape Cod, everything Boston including "Lobstah," but her favorite by far was to be called NaNa. She leaves behind her cherished children; daughters, Tracey and Samantha (both of Boston); son, Chet of Manchester; the light of her life grandson Cody and his fiancée Madison Flanagan of North Haven; and granddog Bingy; sister and best friend Pamela Soucy of Farmington; "sister" Liz Salvia and her husband (Mario) of North Andover, MA and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings; brothers, Robert and Jay; sisters, Patricia Bingham, Joan Chesney and Gail McElroy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, August 11th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Brigid Church, 1083 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Linda, we hope the first thing you do in heaven is to have a Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger, followed by a turtle sundae. We will love you to the moon and back and we'll miss you forever! Donations in Linda's name may be made to the American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Tonucci, Alice (Jacob)



On May 9, 2022, we said our final good-bye to our beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Alice J. Tonucci. It is now time to honor this amazing woman with family and friends beside us. Please join us as we celebrate her life with a Graveside Service on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 10:00 am at Fairview Cemetery, 120 Smalley St., New Britain, Section 8A. To view the story of her life, please visit www.duksa.net.



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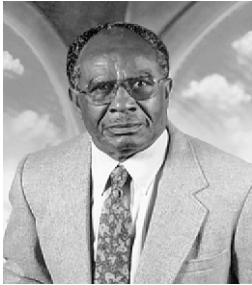
Deptula, John R

John R. Deptula, 70, of Tolland, beloved husband of Catherine (Malatesta) Deptula, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022. John was born in Manchester, CT on April 1, 1952, son of the late Helen (Rogalus) and John M. Deptula, and grew up in the Rockville/Vernon area. He graduated from Merrimack College in 1974, and the following year he obtained his CPA license. He worked in public accounting for several years, then spent the remainder of his career as a CPA in private industry. John spent many years successfully coaching Little League, girls' softball, and boys' and girls' basketball in Ellington where he and Cathy raised their family, and in Enfield as a coach with the youth hockey program. When he wasn't coaching, he was cheering on his children's teams, even driving throughout much of New England to cheer on his daughter Karyn's college softball team. He also enjoyed playing golf, Cape Cod vacations, and building model train layouts. He loved the Boston Red Sox, the New York Giants, the Boston Bruins, and the UConn men's and women's basketball teams, and suffered through UConn football. He was also a WWII and Civil War history buff, and could tell you anything you wanted to know about either conflict. John was a wonderful and devoted father to his sons Andy and his wife Allison, and Chris and his wife Caitlin, and his daughters Karyn Deptula, and Margaret Schmidt and her husband Michael. He leaves six grandchildren whom he adored: Madison, Kennedy, Johnny, Tommy, Teddy, and Elle. He also leaves several cousins. "Dad" was always ready with a witty one-liner, happy to drive to Boston in snowstorms to help dig out cars, reminded us that bills are best paid with a glass of Scotch, and was always a willing playmate, no matter the game or time of day. And we will miss his beautiful smile. At John's request, there will be no services. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

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Knight, Lorenzo E.



Lorenzo E. Knight, 96, of Bloomfield, CT, husband of the late Linda K. Knight passed away peacefully Thursday, July 28, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Lorenzo was born July 1, 1926, in Maryland District Saint Andrews, Jamaica, West Indies, son of the late Frank Knight and Lilian Anderson. While in Jamaica, Lorenzo worked for many years at the University Hospital of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica and the Scientific Research Center as a porter and chauffeur. After immigrating to the United States in 1971, he worked for Battison's Laundry in Bloomfield, CT, Brescome Beverage Company of CT, and The University of Connecticut in the janitorial department until his retirement in 1990.

Lorenzo was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother, uncle, and dear friend. He had a real love and passion for people, and life. Lorenzo was serious about his faith in God. He and his late wife Linda, faithfully served at Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford, CT for many years. Lorenzo loved gadgets and made sure to keep up with the latest technology. Lorenzo was a glamorous man who often took photos of himself and others. He also had a passion for listening to various genres of music and could often be found dancing like a king. Lorenzo found pleasure cooking, spending time in his garden as well as performing mechanical work. The passing of Lorenzo will leave a permanent ache in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. Lorenzo leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Hedda Knight-Thomas (Sally) and her husband Desire Thomas, Hellory J. Knight (Donett) and her husband Winston White, Cedric Knight (Kean) and his wife Diana Knight, Lorenzo D. Knight (Armstrong) and his wife Patricia Knight, Clover Knight-Scott and her husband Rueben Scott, Wilton Knight (Tan) and his fiancé Carol Ferron, Derrick Knight and his wife Donna Knight, Carmalita Knight-Soley (Ansone) and her husband Ernel Soley and Broderick Matticks (Cary) and his wife Yolande Matticks; stepchildren, Beulah, Glen and Gladsothe, 39 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends from 5pm-8pm, Friday, August 12, 2022, at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT. A celebration of life will be held 9am, Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Grace Episcopal Church, 55 New Park Ave., Hartford, CT. Interment will take place immediately after in Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield, CT. For online condolences and to attend the funeral remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Bishop, Jack R.



Jack Ryan Bishop, 24, of Newington, passed away on August 3, 2022 after his courageous battle with sarcoma. He was born in Hartford on December 21, 1997, son of Roland and Kathleen (Fellows) Bishop. Jack was raised in Newington and played sports competitively growing up. He graduated from East Catholic High School, Class of 2016, where he excelled at playing football. Jack went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from CCSU and was working as a Public Safety officer at Hartford Hospital. His sense of humor, toughness, and can-do attitude made Jack a leader and popular among his peers. He understood the importance of bonding, and had the ability to bring his teammates and friend groups together. Jack was focused and determined to live life to the fullest, he lived in the moment but kept an eye on the future. He taught us the true meaning of strength, endurance, and grace. Jack was a special man with a big heart, he will be greatly missed. Jack was a loving and devoted son, brother, nephew, and friend. Along with his parents Roland and Kathy, Jack is survived by his beloved brother Matthew Bishop; aunt Pamela Bishop; uncles Henry, James, and Robert Fellows. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents Roland and Harriet Bishop; maternal grandparents Henry and Mary Fellows; and Aunt Helen Fellows. His humor lives on and is characterized through his beloved "puppy-son" Cooper, who brought him comfort, love, joy, and laughter. Jack has an amazing network of close friends, in fact, he was best friend to all. He never judged anyone, always listened, brought out the best in everyone, and kept them focused to stay on track to succeed in life. He was the glue that continues to keep them close. He will forever hold a special place in so many hearts. He truly made a difference. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Jack's family on Thursday, August 11th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Home at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Mass of Christian Burial for Jack will be celebrated on Friday, August 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford. Everyone is asked to meet directly at church. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Jack's name may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/ or to Pack Leaders of CT at www.packleadersrescue.com/donate/. To share a condolence with Jack's family, please visit www.newingtonmemorial.com.



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Schreindorfer, Mary Edna (Drain)



Mary Edna (Drain) Schreindorfer passed away at her home in Simsbury on Thursday, August 4, 2022. She was surrounded by the soothing sounds of Celtic music and the tender touch of her loved ones. Edna, also fondly known as "Eddie Spaghetti," "The Queen," and "Mother Mary," was 100.8 years young and squeezed every last second out of life. Her secret to longevity was her faith, her love of singing, and her decision to never smoke or drink. When asked her date of birth, she would often say she was born on the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1921 in Holyoke, MA. She was the 8th child of Scottish born Dan and Bridget (Brady) Drain, but the first to be born in the United States. She was the last surviving family member of her 9 siblings. Edna served as an Air Warden with her father, and volunteered as a nurse's aide with her sister Barney, in Hartford during WWII. Her family spent summers living in an old army tent at Hammonasset Beach, a tradition Edna continued for her own children. She was a stay-at-home mom for her four children and returned to the workforce when her husband passed away at an early age. She worked at Fitzgerald's Foods, Horan's Flower Shop, Brigadoon Tea Room, and finally retired from Aetna at age 70. Edna found her second home her last 30 years of life at the Simsbury Senior Center. Edna, could be seen cruising through town in her blue Ford Escort Hatchback with an "Outrageous Older Woman" bumper sticker on the back. Every morning Edna's first stop was at St. Mary's for the rosary and Mass, then she was off to the Simsbury Senior Center. Her days were filled with aerobic classes, tai chi, tap dancing, ceramics, painting, stamping, and line-dancing where she would always request her favorite song "The Boot Scootin' Boogie." She was a member of the Intonations, the Senior Center singing group and supplied fellow members with their performance flowers or scarves for their seasonal gigs. Wherever there was a need, Edna was there to help. She loved to volunteer on Super Tuesdays, arriving early to decorate tables with her own creations from the Dollar Tree and keeping order in the kitchen. She took over the job of collating the Senior Center Communicator Newsletter instructing helpers what to do and keeping a keen eye on those who didn't tape or fold correctly. She joined St. Mary's Bowling League in 1963. Through the years the league's name changed, but Edna's membership remained constant. Edna continued to bowl until she was 97 years old. Edna was carried through life by her strong faith. She sat at the same pew every Sunday morning for the 11:00 o'clock Mass. Even when her stamina failed her, she mustered up the strength to walk down the aisle to receive communion. A night never passed without her having a bowl of Edy's French Silk ice cream and saying the rosary with Mother Angelica. She loved being a mom, and a caregiver for her own mother who passed away at 100. One of Edna's favorite family trips was the annual summer vacation at Lake Willoughby in VT. A tradition she carried on with her cherished grandchildren that included making them her signature scones and stuffed peppers in #9 Wheeler's cabin, and whisking them off for a special treat at Miss Lyndonville Diner in Lyndonville, VT. Edna was predeceased by her husband Henry and her son Michael. She is survived by her only daughter, Mary Beth Schreindorfer and her spouse Lisa Olivere of Simsbury, her sons, John Schreindorfer and his wife Mary of Vermont and Dan Schreindorfer and his wife Gloria of Oregon. She was grandma to her 7 grandchildren Brendan Schreindorfer, Sarah Toof, Mary Kay Schreindorfer, Kelly Sargent, Brydie Cleveland, Mahealani Schreindorfer and Chad Schreindorfer. Edna also had 17 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. A special thank you to her loving companion/friend Lynn Skoglund and her biggest cheerleader Mary Root. Gratitude to Dr. Sarah Dainiak, Johanna Cahill, PA-C and the Farmington Valley VNA for their tender care. Visitation will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury on Wednesday, August 10th from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM followed by an 11:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's Church in Simsbury. Burial will follow in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Tariffville. Gifts in her memory can be made to the Simsbury Senior Center, 754 Hopmeadow St. or St. Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow St. Simsbury, CT. 06070 Please visit her Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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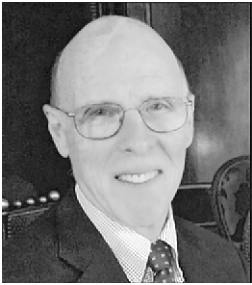
Bellone, Lucy A.(Vuono)



Lucy A. (Vuono) Bellone, 91, of Rocky Hill passed away peacefully on July 31, 2022 at The Lodge at Cold Spring. Lucy was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 24, 1931 to the late Joseph and Rosaria (Zanfini) Vuono. Lucy worked part time at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Bloomfield and then full time for 25 years in the emergency room admitting office. Lucy helped to start the first Lawyer Referral program (designed to help people with legal needs) in Hartford, CT. She was featured in an article in the Hartford Courant that called the program "Lucy's baby". She was later featured in CT Magazine as well. She also worked at the Connecticut State Capitol on the Legislative Office Branch as She also worked on the Judiciary Committee as the Chief Judiciary Clerk for another 25 years. She received several awards for her service. Lucy was an excellent cook. Her Easter and Christmas Eve meals were not to be missed. She painstakingly prepared the "Feast of the Seven Fishes". She cooked true Italian dinners and her meatballs were the best in the land. She would always know if a family member had "taken" one out of the large pot 'to taste' and scold them. Her favorite words were "mangia bene" (eat well) and "out of this world" if something tastes good to her. She grew up in Rhode Island and always had a passion for the shore right up till the end of her life. She owned a house close to the Westerly beaches where she enjoyed entertaining her friends and having her family enjoy it as well. Lucy volunteered over 30 years for the Nick Vuono Charity Fund of Westerly RI. The charity was formed after her brother Nick Vuono died an untimely death in 1984. It is a non-profit charity providing assistance to individuals with special needs in the Westerly community. She enjoyed working all year long on this. Lucy was an avid book reader. During her life she would 'gobble' up all the NY Times top 10 books, fiction and nonfiction. She enjoyed services at the Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church where she started attending in 1964 with her husband (Thomas Bellone predeceased in 1995) and family. She continued to attend the services right up to the end of her life. She has many friends from the church. She enjoyed going to breakfast, lunch, and dinner with them. She is predeceased by her sister Josephine Cherenzia. She will be sorrowfully missed by her friends and family. Lucy is lovingly remembered by her sister M. Susie Phillips of Washington D.C., son and daughter-in-law Steve and Amy Bellone of Manchester, CT, daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Dale Thompson of Ava Maria, FL, her grandchildren Josh and Liz Thompson of Tega Cay SC, Sarah Thompson and Jenny Thompson of North Stonington, CT, Jason and Wendy Bellone of Redding, CT., Jeff and Emily Bellone of Manchester, CT, Dave and Allie Foster of West Kingston RI and her great grandchildren, Hope Thompson of Rustburg VA, Sophia, Eden, and Lucas Thompson of Tega Cay SC, Sean Sunderland of Gales Ferry CT., Bailey, Colby, Allie, Chloe Bellone of Redding CT., Olivia and Zoey Bellone of Manchester CT., and great great grandchild Foster Sunderland of Gales Ferry CT. A funeral service will be held on August 8, 2022 at 12:00pm, at the Wethersfield Evangelical Free Church, 511 Maple Street, Wethersfield. Calling hours and burial will be private. Please consider donations in Lucy's honor to the Nick Vuono Charity Fund, Inc; P.O. Box 1004, Westerly, RI 02891. email nickvuonocharityfund@gmail.com. To leave condolences, or for more information, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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Rieger, Dr. William



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Dr. William Rieger, loving husband, father, Grampa and friend, passed away peacefully on June 29. Born to Gordon and Phyllis Rieger, he is survived by his wife of 41 years, Katherine, his daughters Jude and Casey, sons-in-law Rob and Adam, beloved grandchildren Cory, Wyatt, Cameron and Euan, his sister Phyllis (Rich) Slossberg, sisters- and brothers-in-law Mary and Ron Biroscak, and Jack and Kathleen Looney, and many nieces and nephews. After graduating from UCONN and earning his DDS from NYU, he opened a dental practice in New Hartford in 1974. His patients became his friends and he was dedicated to their care, seeing patients whenever they needed him be it weekends or the middle of the night. Patients knew that Dr. Bill would always be there for them. He was passionate about continuing education, earning both a Fellowship and Lifelong Service and Recognition Award from the Academy of General Dentistry. He believed strongly in helping the next generation of dentists and taught dental residents at St. Francis Hospital for over 30 years, during which he was often chosen as Teacher of the Year. Bill loved New Hartford and was dedicated to the community, serving as a founding member of the New Hartford Business Council and serving on the New Hartford Village Fire District Commission for over 30 years, most of those as Chairman. He was both a lector and a Trustee at Immaculate Conception Church. A devoted father, he never missed a basketball or soccer game, ski race, concert or recital. He coached travel soccer and chaperoned the after-school ski club to spend more time with his daughters. Bill was a man who never sat still. An avid runner, skier, and swimmer, he loved to exercise. He constantly worked on projects around the house, building decks, closets, and stone walls to name a few. He loved being outdoors. Bill will be remembered as a generous, caring man who lived his values of service to his family, faith, and community. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on August 13, at 10 am at Immaculate Conception Church in New Hartford. Burial will immediately follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Ed Smith for his support and help during this last difficult year. Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 5 Steele Road, New Hartford has care of the arrangements. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CT Special Olympics, a group near and dear to Bill's heart. CT Special Olympics
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Pickens, Charles Osborne



Charles (Chuck) Osborne Pickens of Farmington, CT passed peacefully at home on July 30, 2022 with his devoted wife, Jean and beloved son, Eric by his side. Chuck was born on August 5, 1944 to Calvin Herbert Pickens and Doratha (Osborne) Pickens in Meadville, PA. He grew up in the small town of Saegertown surrounded by relatives and friends, where he went out to play in the morning, returning home for lunch and supper, walked to church and school, played sports and occasionally got into trouble! When his father passed in 1957, Chuck's family moved to Meadville for his high school years. Chuck was an outstanding athlete, bedazzling fans with his behind the back passes on the basketball court and as a pitcher on the baseball mound. He began dating his wife-to-be, Rella Jean (Hart) in the eleventh grade and they were married in 1962. The pride of their lives were their two children, Eric Lee and Carrie Lynn and grandchildren, Ivy Mae, Bridget Michelle and Mead Landry Pickens. Chuck graduated from American International College in Springfield, MA with a business degree and pursued a career in information technology (IT). In 1974, he went to work for the Stanley Tools Division in New Britain, CT. Chuck had an instinctive appreciation for what the newly developing computer system could do for manufacturing. He and his team created a state-of-the-art order/entry and billing system. Their electronic data interchange (EDI) revolutionized the way customers could order their products. The Hand Tools Industry Assoc. applied this model nationally. Chuck went on to serve as VP of IT at Loctite in Newington, CT. Eventually, he formed his own consulting business in long-term IT and planning. It was during this period that he worked at the Mohegan Sun Casino on a Y2K project to convert their technology for the year 2000. At that time, he convinced the casino to let him open The Golf Shop. He enjoyed managing the store until the financial crisis of 2008. Chuck served the town of Farmington as a Justice of the Peace, a Municipal Hearing Officer and an Assistant Registrar of Voters. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, Avon, CT. Chuck was a scratch golfer maintaining friendships from his hometown and making friends at many golf courses including Tunxis Plantation and The Country Club of Farmington where he was a member for 35 years. Chuck loved to cook and on many a golf trip with friends, he would prepare the evening meal, cleanup the kitchen and be ready to play cards. He was the total package! Chuck enjoyed salt-water fishing and trips to fly fish on the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. He always found a spot to plant a vegetable garden and invited friends to share in the bounty at harvest time. For many years, he raised honeybees and chickens. He enjoyed using his brain to solve technical problems, play bridge and poker, board games, crossword puzzles, read murder mysteries and tackle many projects around the house. He designed and patented the "Mail Box Shield". So it seems ironic that he would be diagnosed with a brain tumor in November of 2021. This was the ultimate challenge for Chuck, to relearn how to use the TV remote and find ways to keep himself engaged in life. Most importantly, Chuck was a man of great integrity and honesty. He will be dearly missed by his wife, son, grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. Chuck was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Carrie Lynn and his brothers, John and Stephen Pickens, as well as sisters-in-law, Ann and Joye Pickens. He is survived by his brother David Pickens and sister-in-law Jane Pickens, both of Meadville, PA. Jean and Eric sincerely thank all the UConn medical staff and the Farmington Valley VNA hospice team who showed Chuck the greatest compassion and excellent care during his illness. We also thank family and friends who supported us with their thoughts, prayers and expressions of love. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm at Memorial United Methodist Church, Avon, CT with a Celebration of Life reception at 4 pm at Tunxis Plantation Golf Course Pavilion, Farmington, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Farmington Valley VNA, 8 Old Mill Lane, Simsbury, CT 06070 or Services for the Elderly, 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, CT 06085. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Carriere, Phyllis Ann



Phyllis Ann Carriere, 87, passed away peacefully in her home on May 16, 2022. She was born in Rockford, IL to Hartley and Lillian (Oberg) Lundeen on February 15, 1935. She met Joseph Keith Carriere at a church group in West Harford and they were married on August 23, 1958. Phyllis graduated from Augustana College with a degree in Speech Therapy and earned her Master's Degree from Saint Joseph's College. She enjoyed a long and rewarding career working with children in the Manchester Public and Catholic school systems. Phyllis had many interests which included travel, golf, flower gardening, Tia Chi, playing cards, volunteering at Manchester Memorial Hospital with her friend Vera, spending time with her family, and special moments chatting with her sister, Joyce. She surrounded herself with many dear, life-long friends. Phyllis is survived by her beloved husband, J. Keith; son, Kevin (Monica) Carriere; grandchildren, Alexis, Keith and Trent (Veronica) Carriere; nieces Gail (Henri Gillet) Holmberg and Polly (Charlie) Haller and great nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her daughter, Noreen Renee Carriere. There will be a private burial at East Cemetery in Manchester. Memorials may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church at 60 Church Street, Manchester, CT 06040.

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Lombardo, Andrea J.



Andrea Jean Lombardo, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, 63, of Plainville passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, July 30, 2022 with her loving family surrounding her. Andrea was born on July 2, 1959 in New Britain, CT daughter to Jean (Dulac) Lombardo and the late Andrew Lombardo. Andrea grew up in Plainville attended local schools and graduated from Plainville High School. She was a die-hard fan of the Boston Red Sox, the UCONN men's and women's basketball, and the NY Giants. Andrea was an avid reader and enjoyed dinners with friends, traveling to Cape Cod and was grateful for the time she spent traveling to Europe. She was a history buff who knew many facts about our veterans and World War II. She was proud to be an American and looked forward to celebrating every American holiday, especially Memorial Day. Above all, Andrea enjoyed spoiling her nieces, nephews, and her great-nieces, as if they were her own children. Andrea had a heart of gold and cherished the ones she loved most. She will be missed dearly as her family and friends carry on her legacy of love, laughter, and good times. In addition to her mother, Jean Lombardo, Andrea is survived by her brother, John Lombardo, her brother, David Lombardo and his wife, Tammy, her sister, Susan Lombardo, her niece, Alicia Lombardo, her niece, Kristen Polletta and her husband, Raffaele, her nephews, Jacob and Jared Lombardo and their mother, Shelly, her grandnieces, Alexa and Lydia, and her best friend, Susan Abram. She also leaves behind several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Andrea's family would like to thank the nursing staff at Countryside Manor in Bristol for their exceptional care and unwavering support they provided to their family during Andrea's courageous battle. They will forever be grateful for everything they did for their family. Family and friends are welcome to gather on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 5 to 7 PM at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 10 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 94 Broad St., Plainville. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church. Burial will be held privately. Donations in memory of Andrea can be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza 2nd floor, East Hartford, CT 06108 or by going to www.cancer.org. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.



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Ross, Joan Barbara



Joan Barbara (Brimble) Ross, 82, of Glastonbury and formerly East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 31, 2022. Born in Hartford on September 9, 1939, Joan was the daughter of the late William Francis Brimble and Doris Thelma (St. Peter) Brimble. She worked for 23 years for Emhart Corp., Farmington and then was a dedicated employee of Fleet Bank, Hartford, where she worked for 13 years prior to her retirement in 2004. Joan was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace Church in East Hartford, where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and a CCD teacher for fourth graders. She was a member of the East Hartford Town Democratic Committee and the East Hartford Democratic Women's Club. Joan was a loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox and Notre Dame University. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Joan will be forever missed by her six children, Caryn Wallace and husband Michael of Bloomfield, Mary Lynn Sanchez and husband Hilario of So. Windsor, Robin Ross of E. Hartford, Sheryl Ross of Manchester, Steven Ross and his fiancé Patricia Kramer of Wyoming and Nikki Ross and her significant other Shawnya of E. Hartford; Nineteen adored grandchildren Ashley, Cheyenne, and Blake Wallace, Vanessa, Alec, and Devin Sanchez, Erica and Chip Ross, Najla, Matthew and Ryan Mack Cody and Caity Ross Jordan, Mackenzie, William and Breanna Ross, Catherine and Adrian Ross, and three cherished great-grandchildren Elijah and Makayla Serrano and Madisyn Mack. She is also survived by her sister, Karen Lyford and husband Douglas of Chelsea, VT; one brother, Gerald Brimble and wife Bernadette of Pueblo, CO. and several nieces, nephews and dear friends. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Charles W. Ross. Funeral services will begin on Friday, August 12 at 9 a.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 370 May Road, East Hartford. Family and friends may call on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 111 Founders Plaza, 2nd Floor, East Hartford, CT 06108. To share a memory of Joan with her family, please visit www.desopoech.com.



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Brown, James (Jim) E.



James (Jim) E. Brown, 76 years old, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2022 at Yale New Haven Hospital with his wife Laura by his side. He was born on March 8, 1946 in Lewiston, ME. Jim was a graduate of Lisbon High School. Throughout his professional career, he held various positions in sales but was most proud of his 20-year service as a Judicial Marshal in the New Britain Court system.

Jim loved life and lived it to the fullest. He had a very competitive spirit. His favorite pastime activities included softball, volleyball, fishing, and hunting. He was especially fond of being in the Maine woods, bear or moose hunting with his brother. As a Corvette enthusiast, he won a garage full of trophies showing his 1986 Corvette, but enjoyed his 2019 Corvette convertible Z06 the most.

He had the loudest voice when cheering on or applauding his grandchildren during their sporting events, musicals, and concerts. He was a New England Patriots fan, but his favorite sport to watch was UCONN women's basketball where he would never miss an opportunity to support female athletes and argue why they were more entertaining than the men.

At home, he was an avid reader, who loved his English Labradors Costner, Max, and Moxie. He often spent his Friday nights enjoying Jack Daniels or Jack Fire with his wife watching the wildlife on Batterson Park Pond from his deck.

As a generous supporter of the American Red Cross, he donated blood regularly until he no longer was able due to his personal health.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Laura Brown; daughter, Jamie, and husband Rocco Urso; grandchildren, Gabriella and Nick Urso; brother, Winn, and wife Kathy Bown; sister, Kristen and husband Jim Bernard, nephews, Jeff and Chris Brown, niece, Melanie Brown, Aunt Winnie Wallingford, first wife and close friend, Shirley Pulk, as well as numerous beloved cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Dube, father, James E. Brown Sr., sister, Diane Dube, Uncle Joe and Aunt Fern Brown, Uncle Gene and Aunt Barbara Brown, Richard Wallingford, Sr. and his grandparents.

Laura would like to thank the oncology staff and other caregivers at Yale New Haven Hospital for their compassionate care during his illness.

Jim was a strong man who faced his health challenges with faith and courage. He will be deeply missed. Memorial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Our Companions Animal Rescue Sanctuary <https://www.ourcompanions.org>, Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community <https://tbrsyndrome.org> or Shiloh Chapel www.shilochapelmaine.org.

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Grover, Bill



A Celebration of Life for Bill Grover, who passed away in October 2021, will be held in words, pictures and music, with a bulletin board for stories and memories. If you would like to, bring a copy of a photo and/or print a typed memory of Bill to share on the bulletin board. Saturday August 13th, 3-4pm, outdoors at Centerbrook Architects: 67 Main St., Centerbrook CT 06409. All welcome.

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McMahon, Dennis R



Dennis Richard McMahon Jr (LTC, U.S.Army Retired), age 93, of Pompano Beach, FL (formerly of West Hartford, CT and Winterville, NC) went to the Lord on Saturday, July 30, 2022. Whether you knew him as Dennis, Mac, Dad, or Papa, he was a man of action, with a 'live for today' approach to life. He was dedicated to serving God and his Church community, his Country, and his family. Born to Dennis R. and Violet (Pat) McMahon Sr in Scranton, PA, October 17, 1928, he was an only child, spending his early life between the NY Catskills, Miami Beach, FL and Long Branch, NJ and eventually settling with family and graduating from West Orange HS in 1946. Enlisting immediately, Mac's military career spanned more than 21 years of proudly serving in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In the Service he earned many medals, awards, and his college degree. He achieved Master Army Aviator status, and retired as an elite pilot of both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Settling his growing family in West Hartford was one of Dad's best decisions, providing access to a multitude of opportunities and activities. He served in various roles in the faith communities of St. Helena's Church and Marriage Encounter, served as PTO President at Conard High School, and spearheaded initiatives for the Buena Vista HOA.

A world traveler, a successful small business owner, and a committed 'hausfrau' in retirement, he strived to bring people together, welcoming them with hugs and blending them into his 'family'. Papa's legacy is instilled in the hearts and lives of his surviving 22 grandchildren, 2 nieces and a nephew, and 20 great-grandchildren, with many of their shared stories and bonds created at Camp M&M (Mac & Mel), week-long adventures focused on the joys of life at the beach, playing cards, and learning his nighttime blessing while holding hands, 'May the love in my heart pass through these hands to you'.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and step-parents, Arnold (Pete) Peterson Sr and Alice McMahon; his former wives, Elizabeth Ann (Libby) McMahon, the mother of his six children, and Dr. Maria (Peggy) O'Neil McMahon; his sons, CPT Dennis R. McMahon III and LTC Michael J. McMahon.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Melanie A. Crandall; his daughters Lezle Harris (Jon), Nora Boyer (Dan), Kelly Cook (Dave), Stacie Ferry (Mike), COL Jeanette McMahon (USA Retired) (LTC Michael Hauser USA Retired); step-daughter Ilah Cibis; siblings Patty Enderle (Rich), Camay Arnold, Richard J. McMahon (Ruthie), and Wayne McMahon; brother-in-law Dr. Blane Crandall and sister-in-law Dr. Valerie Jackson and godson, Dave Robertson. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at West Point, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The West Point Long Gray Line Fund at <https://www.westpointaog.org/LongGrayLineFund> and the Vietnam Helicopter Pilot Assn (VHPA) Scholarship Fund - Call (800)-505-8472.

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Berg, Jacqueline



Our dear mother, Jacqueline Berg, sadly passed away on August 4, 2022 at the age of 80. She was born on September 4, 1941, in Morrisville, Vermont; a daughter of the late John Allen and Helen R. (Shepard) Dodds. Jackie worked for Carlingswitch, for 29 years until her retirement in 2004. At that time, she retired to help care for her four grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother who was always there for her family or anyone who needed her. She was a well-loved member of her community and church family at United Methodist Church of Hartford, where she was an active member for more than 50 years. Jackie was an avid volunteer, political activist, and was very climate conscious. She loved to read books, be in nature, and surround herself with her family and friends. She will be remembered for her kind, caring and generous spirit.

Jackie is survived by her two daughters, Christine Atkinson and Marcia Ramos; four cherished grandchildren, Nathan Atkinson, Ethan Atkinson, Owen Atkinson and Elle Ramos; her brother, David Dodds and his wife Linda; her sister, Sandra Bosinger; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Kenneth Berg.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Hartford, 571 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT, 06105. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Jackie's memory may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306 or JDRF, 200 Vesey Street, 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Micali, Daniel Francis



Daniel Francis Micali of East Hartford, devoted husband of Bonnie (Surri) Micali, passed away on July 30, 2022. Dan was born in Hartford on October 5, 1941 to Daniel and Sadie (Bazzano) Micali. Raised in West Hartford, he graduated from Conard High School in 1959. After graduation, he received technical training at Albert I. Prince Technical School in sheet metal and air conditioning. Dan served in the United States Army, completing his service in the Air National Guard.



Dan spent the summers of his youth at Giant's Neck in Niantic, CT, where he met Bonnie in 1956. American Playwright Thornton Wilder wrote "The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude." Dan lived a life to benefit others. His family remains eternally grateful. A tireless and proud journeyman member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 40, Dan helped to construct many of the most significant projects throughout Connecticut. With strong hands and broad fingers, to receive a handshake from Dan was to appreciate the pure strength of the man. Yet those hands bore the finesse of a scratch golfer, a game that was his passion for most of his adult life as a member of the East Hartford Golf Club. In addition to golf, he was an avid fan of the New York Yankees and New York Giants. But above all, he treasured his family.

Predeceased by his sisters Pamela Anderson and Frances Van Damme, Dan leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Bonnie, two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Michael McTeague of Granby, and Kristen and Jared Cohane of West Hartford and five grandchildren whom Daniel adored, Matthew McTeague of Myrtle Beach, SC, Bryan and Sarah McTeague of Granby and Tanner and Teagan Cohane of West Hartford. Dan also leaves behind his sister-in-law Jeanine McConnell of Manchester, two brothers-in-law, several nephews and a niece, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on August 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main Street, West Hartford, CT. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Dan's memory. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

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Merrill, Roger R.



Roger R. Merrill, 90, beloved husband of 66 years of the late Evelyn (Gagne) Merrill passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 28, 2022. Roger was born on June 29, 1932, in Biddeford, Maine one of four children of the late Justin S. and Bessie (Rankin) Merrill. He was raised in Maine and attended local schools. Upon his graduation, Roger enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he proudly served his country during the Korean War from 1950-1953. After his honorable discharge, Roger and Evelyn were married and moved to East Hartford, Connecticut. Later they made their home in South Windsor where they resided since 1958.

Roger was employed with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for over 39 years, retiring in 1991 as a general foreman. He was a member of the South Windsor Fire Department for over 50 years and was awarded Firefighter of the Year honors in 1970. Roger and Evelyn were avid campers and loved to travel. They traveled in their camper to 49 states and Canada. Roger was past National Director of the Family Motor Coach Association.

Roger is survived by his loving dedicated daughter and caregiver Nancy M. Klatt of Wethersfield, his loving son and daughter-in-law John R. and Robin Merrill of Coventry, RI, his two cherished grandsons Steven R. Klatt and his girlfriend Kelsey and Brian W. Klatt and his girlfriend Kaylin. In addition to his wife Evelyn and his parents, Roger was predeceased by his three siblings Marjorie Thorne, Jay Merrill, and Verena Huff.

A time of visitation will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Saturday, August 13, 2022, from 2-4 pm with Military Honors to take place at 3:45 pm at the funeral home. Services and burial are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the South Windsor Fire Department. To leave a condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Arnstein, Jeffrey M



Jeffrey Martin Arnstein, 75, released his physical form on the 30th of July, 2022, and with his passing the world loses another Special New York Connecticut Kind of Jew. He passed away in peace, in his own home in Baltimore, with his true love Jane D'Ambrogio by his side. In his passing, along with Jane and their dog Walter, he leaves his children and their partners — Ellen and Brett (CT) & Reid and Angela (NJ) — with the honored task of keeping his memory alive through a devotion to cultivating an honest life full of craft, compassion, empathy, wonder, & above all else — magic.

Jeff, the dad, taught his children to love and honor the woods & indigenous knowledge and beliefs, to care for others even if they don't seem to care for you, to always live as honestly & truthfully to yourself as you can without hurting others, & that even those who do hurt others can learn to grow and become someone who helps others not hurt when they are. He taught his kids to stay curious, to question everything, and most importantly, how to protect the world from trolls (the real kind, not those behind a computer screen).

Jeff, the professional, was best known for his work as an Early American Antique Restoration expert, operating for most of his career out of the North Armory of Hartford's Colt Building (shops that followed: 56 Arbor Street, then Port Chester NY). Always filled with the industry's highest-end pieces waiting to be revived back to old, his shop was a crossroads for many of the most respected collectors, dealers, & curators of the trade, as well as an exciting meeting place for many of Hartford's artists and makers. He bent time through polish and lathe for important auction houses like Sotheby's & Christie's, museums like the Wadsworth, The Lyman Allen, & Hartford's Old State House, as well for the most prominent private collectors & dealers of his time. To many, his most impressive work was the restoration he did for the Butler-McCook House after its fateful 2002 accident; and while his work on that job was nothing short of magic, those who followed his career knew that every job he did was done at that exact same level of wow. His working memory of wood and grain was otherworldly, and his ability to work the finest difference in hue made more unfathomable when you learned he was color blind.

In his lifetime, Jeff did many amazing things, including: being raised in the American shetl that was 1940s/50s Pelham Parkway; graduated from CCH early, entering Queens College on a full ride at age 17; got stuck in traffic going to Woodstock & decided to turn back; refused his Vietnam War draft and taught public school in Harlem instead; imported an MGB from England to NYC after his solo European Trip of a Lifetime; hiked a large portion of the Appalachian trail alone but for his trusty Donkey who he adopted along the way; owned and operated a jewelry & antique store on City Island with his first true love Merry; taught himself how to restore furniture and made a tremendous career of it; fell in love many times with ease and grace; made friends with ease and had many he kept for his lifetime; survived many curious near-death experiences; danced many nights away at the WISCOH; created, with his first wife Gail, two incredible children who turned out more than okay; did a really great Daffy Duck; was a master of petnames and a bastion of Yiddish affections; earnestly found his way from Judaism to Buddhism to Unitarian Universalism; practiced anti-racism and anti-zionism with a fierce devotion; always dreamed of being a writer and made it happen in his later years, writing multiple books aimed at helping struggling readers excel; mentored countless individuals in everything from restoration/conservation to transforming anger to reading to GED prep and more; strove to admit to his mistakes, learned to forgive, and grew from his traumas; and above all else — managed to die a peaceful death surrounded by love, knowing he was loved, and graced with the awareness of the meaningful impacts he made in his lifetime.

An open celebration of his life will be held on the 10th of September, 2022, at noon, at his beloved Towson Unitarian Universalist church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Earl's Place, a recovery center for men in Baltimore, or to Reading Partners Baltimore — two organizations Jeff volunteered for & held near to his heart. For more information & memories, please visit OurDearJeff.com. Happy trails to you...MWAH!

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Thielman Sr, Robert



Robert J. Thielman Sr, 76, of Southington, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, July 29, 2022 from complications related to Agent Orange exposure. He had been the loving husband of Mary Jean (Politowski) Thielman for nearly 45 years. Robert was born on March 4, 1946 to the late Henry and Emma (Cummack) Thielman. He was a graduate of Wilcox Technical High School and a lifelong Southington resident. Robert proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and as a member of the Connecticut National Guard. He was assigned as a Combat Engineer with the 26th Engineer Battalion, Americal Division in Chu Lai Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Following the war, he continued his military service as a Sergeant in the 143rd Military Police Company and 2/102nd Infantry Battalion. He was a distinguished marksman, helping to win the 1982 FORSCOM Commander's Championship as part of the Connecticut Army National Guard Combat Pistol team. After leaving the military Bob continued to serve his community as an EMT and volunteer Firefighter with the Company 2 Southington Fire Department. He worked for many years as a home remodeler and became a talented chef, using his skills to routinely help friends, family, and those in need. An avid painter and sculptor, he enjoyed creating many different unique things, including his recently completed 1927 Ford Model T Roadster and several pieces of art, which were displayed in the New Britain Museum of Art. Bob's life was full of humor and laughter. Friends described him as the most unique, independent, and generous human they have ever had the pleasure to know and love. He will always be remembered for the many smiles and selfless contributions that he gave to those around him. In addition to his wife Mary, Bob is survived by his daughter, Joann and her husband Ray Chicoski. Sons, Robert Thielman Jr. and Randy Thielman, and grandchildren, including Jordan, Raymond and Connor Chicoski. He is also survived by his brother, Gene Thielman, sister, Caroline "Midge" Frazier and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 3 brothers, Warren, Franklin and James Thielman and his sister, Marcella Frazier. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc, 103 Vision Way, Bloomfield, CT 06002. A celebration of Bob's life will be scheduled for a future date. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery will be private. Plantsville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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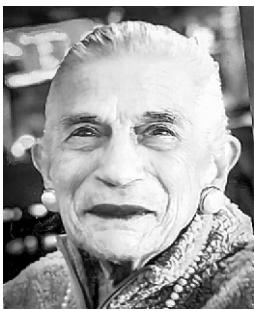
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Baccari, Violet (Longobardi)



Violet Baccari, 96, of Bloomfield, CT, formerly of Phillipsburg, NJ, died August 1, 2022 in Hartford, CT.

Born March 24, 1926 in Manhattan, NY, Violet was a daughter of the late Dominic and Alice (Merrigi) Longobardi.

Violet formerly worked at the Wilshire Bed Factory in Easton, PA and worked at the Union Square Hotel bar in Phillipsburg, NJ.



Her husband, Mario Baccari died February 1, 1978.

Violet is survived by a daughter, Alice Baccari, with whom she resided; a son, Michael of Easton, PA; two grandsons, Mario Baccari and Jonathan and his wife Lauren, (who also was more like a granddaughter to "Ultra Violet"); great-grandchildren Tyler, Caiden, Allia and Xathan Baccari; a sister Emilia "Millie" D'Angelo; nieces Mae Barone, JoAnn D'Angelo and Josephine Longobardi, Alice Velasquez and nephews Joseph Longobardi and Frankie D'Angelo; a great niece, Dina Thorensen and Valerie Gillette who is a very dear friend and so much family

Violet was predeceased by two brothers, Francis "Sammy" and Otto Longobardi and a sister, Hortense Barone, and a very dear friend, Annie Todd, who was like a daughter to Violet.

A celebration of Violet's life will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Noto-Wynkoop Funeral Home, 289 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ. Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 Tuesday. A livestream link to the services will be added to Violet's obituary at www.noto-wynkoop.com.

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Harris, Jr., Robert D.



Robert D. Harris, Jr., age 76, died at home on August 3, 2022. He was born in North Canaan, CT, graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and received his BA from the University of Connecticut in 1967. After serving in the Army in Vietnam, Bob worked for the State of Connecticut his entire career, retiring as the Director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis in 2001. He continued his service to the state on the State Library Board and the Capitol Preservation Board throughout his retirement. Bob enjoyed collecting art and antiques, but is best known for his life-long love of reading and books. In his later years he greatly enjoyed meeting authors at signing events and book festivals. Bob was generous, thoughtful, and funny. He loved to gift books to people, especially when he knew of their interests or hobbies. He also loved chewing gum. Bob is survived by his loving husband and partner of almost 40 years, Father Michael F. Ray, retired pastor of St. Thomas's in New Haven, his daughters Debra (Ryan) and C. Catherine Ray, sons Phillip (Laurie) and Daniel (Hui), grandchildren Anuhea and Evan, and his sister Patricia Harris Glennon. Bob was a great lover of animals, especially dogs, and was proceeded in death by his beloved rescue greyhound Oberon. A memorial will be planned at the convenience of the family. If you knew Bob, you know he rarely threw anything away including the copious paperwork from the many charities he supported. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice, as it's likely one he supported. To send condolences to his family, please see obituary at www.beecherandbennett.com.

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Shea, Patrick "Pat" R.



Patrick "Pat" R. Shea, 84, of Avon, beloved husband of Janice R. (Kelley) Shea, passed away peacefully on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital. He was born in Pawtucket, RI on November 7, 1937, to the late Richard Shea and Florence (McKeon) Shea. Pat was a 1955 graduate of West Senior High School in Pawtucket, RI.



Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country. Once his tour of duty was complete, Pat entered and successfully completed a 3 year apprentice program at Pratt & Whitney Air Craft, headquartered in East Hartford, CT. Pat retired from Pratt and Whitney on Dec 31, 1999 after 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janice R. Shea of Avon, his son, Michael G. Shea and his wife Mabel R Shea of Clover, SC, his daughter, Colleen A. Nolin and her husband Eric Nolin of Bristol, CT, his grandchildren Richard M. Shea and Andrew N. Shea of Clover, SC, and his sister, Nancy Whitcomb of Cumberland, RI. Pat's family will receive friends on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 9-11AM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A funeral service will follow beginning at 11AM. Burial will follow in Wonx Spring Cemetery in Southington. For the full obituary or to leave online expressions of sympathy please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Dutram, Jeanne



Jeanne Dutram, 100, a 68-year resident of East Granby, passed away peacefully on Friday July 29, 2022, at Suffield House where she resided for the past two and a half years. Born in Thompson, CT on July 11, 1922, the daughter of the late Arthur and Elmira (Seigny) Trudeau. Jeanne was raised in North Grosvenordale and attended local schools.

Jeanne was a longtime active member of the former St. Bernard's Church in Tariffville prior to its closure. There, she participated in prayer group, bible studies and retreats. Jeanne moved to East Granby in 1952, very active in town, she was a cub scout den mother, a member of the Grange in East Granby and Woman's Auxiliary Volunteer Fire Department. She enjoyed word puzzles, reading the newspaper, watching the news faithfully and she also loved her grand dogs. Jeanne had a great sense of humor, was a straight shooter, and told everyone exactly what she thought. She is survived by her son Donald E. Dutram and his wife Barbara of East Granby, her step-granddaughter, Marlene Stapin, her step-great-granddaughter, Jenna Stapin, her nieces, Elaine Bissonnette, Patty Ann Maney, Diane Cram, and her nephew Paul Dutram, and many beloved great nieces & nephews. Jeanne was loved by all and called "Gram" by many. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, George "Ed" Dutram, and her daughter, Gloria D. Manente. Jeanne's family would like to thank the Suffield House for their compassionate care during Jeanne's time there. A celebration of Jeanne's life will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield at a later date. Burial will follow at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home of Granby has care of the arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Pringle, Dr Eleanor W.



Dr Eleanor W. Pringle, 82, of Crystal River FL died August 1, 2022 after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's at Diamond Ridge Health and Rehab under HPH hospice care in Lecanto, FL. She was born in Elizabeth NJ to Helen and Al Williams. She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Bill Williams.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Wallace (Pete) Pringle of Crystal River FL, sister Joan W. Churchill of Exeter, NH, children Elizabeth Pascucci, spouse Joseph, of Haddam CT and Wall Pringle, spouse Rebecca, MD, of Guilford CT and Jennifer Leavitt, spouse Skip, of Haddam CT. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Michael Pascucci, Claire and Cassie Pringle and Autumn and Hanna Leavitt and several nieces and nephews. She attended Union High School where she was the pianist for the orchestra and choir and graduated from Westfield High School in Westfield NJ. She graduated from Middlebury College as a chemistry major and was one of only a couple of women in her class who attended medical school. Thus, she was a pioneering woman in the early 1960s. She graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1966 where about 5% of her class were women. She did her residency at Yale in psychiatry and started her solo psychiatric practice in Higganum Ct, retiring from the practice after 38 years. By the end of her residency, she had 3 children. She was active in the Connecticut Psychiatric Society and Haddam Historical Society. She loved bridge and was in several painting groups and several book clubs. She downsized to her beach house in Giants Neck Niantic CT. Then she became a resident of Crystal River FL. She was a season ticket holder of the Boston Symphony, Metropolitan Opera, Hartford Stage Company, CT Opera and Goodspeed Opera House. She was a 50-year member of Higganum Congregational Church and filled in occasionally as organist. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. A life celebration will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Brown Funeral Home, Lecanto FL.

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Mitchell, Mary J.



Mary J. Mitchell, 91, of Windsor, passed peacefully on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Mary was born in Hartford, daughter of the late Maurice and Katherine (Hyland) Mitchell, and graduated from Hartford High School. She spent most of her life in Windsor and briefly moved to New Hampshire before returning to Windsor.

Mary was a loving sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt, and dear friend. She was grounded in her Catholic faith which was an essential part of her life. Mary found joy in reading daily devotionals, saying the rosary, and watching the Mass on TV. This great faith afforded her a calming presence about all events. Mary enjoyed life's simple pleasures: a good book, knitting, a hot meal, a hearty laugh, and time spent with her family. She especially savored spending holidays with her family and was known as "Aunt Meme" to her many nieces and nephews. It was at these gatherings that her infectious laugh could be heard, and her pleasant personality was contagious. She leaves a legacy of beautiful memories that will live in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by her sister, Joan Reid of Bradenton, FL; her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Mitchell of Windsor; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Maurice J. Mitchell and Robert H. Mitchell; brother-in-law, Jack Reid; and her niece, Kathleen Tolly. Her service will be private. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Poquonock. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mary may be made to Mary's Place, A Center for Grieving Children, 6 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, CT 06095. To leave a condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Hunter, Sr., Paul A.



Paul A. Hunter, Sr. 85, of East Windsor, CT, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022; he was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Theresa. Born on August 12, 1936, in Geneva, IL, Paul was the son of the late Robert L. Hunter and Dorothy (Martin) Hunter Blocker.



After serving in the U.S. Air Force, in 1967 Paul moved his family to Windsorville, CT to provide a quality life in the country. A diesel mechanic most of his life, Paul enjoyed helping many with their mechanical challenges and often had the knowledge or the right tool for the job. Upon retirement, Paul maintained his brain through his riding lawn mower business, repairing-and-selling lawn mowers to passers-by.

Paul was a member of the Hartford-Evergreen Masonic Lodge #88, the East Windsor Veterans Commission, The East Windsor Historical Society, the East Windsor Society for Detecting Horse Thieves and Robbers, and the New England DoodleBug Association.

He is survived by his children, Robert of Thomaston, CT, Michael of North Salem, NY, Paul Jr. of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Kathleen Gable of Enfield, CT, Brian Soucie of Enfield, CT and six grandchildren, one great grandchild, and his beloved neighbors of Windsorville. Always helping others, Paul leaves many friends and acquaintances whose lives he has graced with his help, friendship, conversation and humor.

All are welcome to join the family from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, August 8, 2022, at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St., East Windsor, CT. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family. For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneral-home.com

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the East Windsor Historical Society, 115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088.

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Manselle, Mary Ann



Mary Ann Manselle, 74, of Vernon, beloved wife for 36 years of the late John G. Manselle, Jr., passed peacefully Thursday, August 4, 2022, with her family by her side. Mary Ann was born in Hartford, daughter of the late Anthony and Nellie (Rozie) Malawitz, and graduated from Weaver High School. She dedicated her life to the job she was

most proud of, that of raising her family, and later was an underwriter for CIGNA Insurance Company.

Mary Ann was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and dear friend. She will fondly be remembered as loving and caring woman who was very much a free spirit and loved her family more than anything. As a caregiver, she endlessly devoted her life to others, and opened her door to whoever needed her help. Mary Ann leaves a legacy of beautiful memories that will live in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her.

Mary Ann loved cooking for her family and friends, especially traditional Italian dishes, and thoroughly enjoyed shopping. She was the perfect organizer and everything had its place. She also loved listening to Jazz, Motown, and R&B.

Mary Ann leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Gregory Moore and his fiancée Jacqueline; her daughter, Kimberly McIntosh; her beautiful grandchildren, Dominique, Danisha, Brittany, Michael, Ismael, Shawheen, and Jahquan; her great grandson, Halim; her brother, Gregory Malawitz; sister-in-law, Margaret Malawitz; her best friend and "sister," Tammy Braner; and a host of other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and dear husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Gerald Malawitz. Her service will be private and the family asks that any expressions of love be sent C/O Carmon Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Windsor, CT 06095. To leave a condolence for her family, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Milvae, Robert M



Robert M. Milvae, age 89, of Melbourne, FL passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2022. He lived his life with Faith, Family and Fellowship as his priorities. Bob was born in Bloomfield, CT on March 27, 1933. He was the son of the late John and Elizabeth Milvae.

He and his wife of 66 years, Joan (who predeceased him



one year ago) moved from Bloomfield to Brevard County Florida in 1990. In Bloomfield, Bob was active in town government as Assistant Town Manager, Acting Town Manager, Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk. He also served as Clerk and Treasurer for the Blue Hills Fire District. His proudest career accomplishment was being appointed Clerk of the Connecticut Senate.

In Brevard County, Bob participated with the Republican Men's Club, did campaign work for numerous elections and was a member of the Brevard County Republican Committee.

He proudly served his country as Airman first Class in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Merritt Island Presbyterian Church.

Bob is preceded in death by his 8 siblings. He is survived by his daughters, Bonnie Corna (David), Mary Ferrigno (Jim), Robin Kirchner (Mark); sisters in law, Linda Thompson and Carol Milvae; brothers in law, Jack Thompson and Spencer Thompson (Debbie); 6 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren as well as many other nieces, nephews and many friends.

The family wishes to thank the residents and staff at The Brenny Senior Living community for the last ten fun filled years of retirement living. Services will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 10:00am at the Merritt Island Presbyterian Church, 600 South Tropical Trail, Merritt Island FL

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to the William Child's Hospice House. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

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OBITUARIES

Brown, Patricia Eileen (Foran)



Patricia Eileen (Foran) Brown of Clinton, CT died on Tuesday August 2, 2022 after a long battle with cancer. Pat was a loyal, loving wife and mother. She served God as one of Jehovah's Witnesses maintaining her hope of a resurrection to paradise on Earth. She loved life, walks in Elizabeth Park's rose gardens, the seaside in Maine and giving of herself to bring joy and comfort to others. She is predeceased by her parents John and Ruby Foran of East Hampton, CT. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, William Earl Brown of Clinton, CT and their son Jonathan William Brown of Cape Coral, FL, brother Jeff Foran and his wife Marge of East Hampton, CT, her sister Mary Faggiano and her husband George of East Windsor, CT, and her sister Judy Gregory and her husband Bob of East Freetown, MA. In addition, she leaves behind loving nieces, nephews, extended family and friends too many to number.



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Fitzgerald, Donna Marie(Yacavone)



Donna M. (Yacavone) Fitzgerald, 81, of Newington, widow of James Fitzgerald and beloved companion of Vincent Sarubbi of Newington, passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2022. Donna was born in Hartford and was daughter of the late Joseph A. and Catherine (Prentiss) Yacavone. Donna retired in 2015 and had worked for many years for Aetna Life Insurance and the East Hartford School System. She enjoyed her many trips to the Mohegan Sun, playing Bingo and spending time with friends at the VFW, having a glass or two of red wine. Donna is also survived by a brother, John Yacavone of Plainfield, NH and was also predeceased by her sister Joan Rohde. A time of visitation will be held Monday, August 8, 2022 from 10:30-11:30AM at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield followed by her Mass of Christian burial at 12:00PM at the Church of the Incarnation, Wethersfield. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4B, Southington, CT 06489. For directions or online tributes, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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Rider, Tracy Ann



Tracy Ann Rider, 55, of Hartford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Bristol, CT on October 2, 1966, daughter of the late Sandra (Simpson) Rider and David E. Rider, she was raised in New Hartford and was a graduate of Northwestern Regional High School #7, Class of 1984. While attending Regional, Tracy was always front and center in the fall drama and the spring musical as well as the band and the chorus. After high school, she attended Syracuse University where she majored in drama. In 1988, she was married briefly - he had red hair. She later transferred to the University of Houston at Clear Lake where she completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts in 1991. In 2002, Tracy received her Master of Music degree in Voice from the University of Texas at Austin. Tracy devoted her career to teaching middle school choir and drama in Texas, inspiring a new generation of students to find their voice in the arts like her mentors had done for her. In 2016, she shifted to administration where she worked in admissions and academic advising, most recently at the Hartt School of Music. In her spare time, Tracy enjoyed going to musicals, operas, and concerts whenever she could. Tracy loved sports, with her two favorite teams being the Red Sox and whoever was playing the Yankees. She also loved to cook and celebrate with food, often remarking "I'm not really hungry, but I could eat." She leaves a brother, Jeffrey A. Rider of Rocky Hill; and a wide-ranging family of choice located mainly in Connecticut and Texas. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 13, 1 p.m., at the First Church in Hartland, 2 Hartland Blvd., East Hartland. Burial will be private in East Hartland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 280285, East Hartford, CT 06128 or to Our Companions Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 956, Manchester, CT 06045 or at www.ourcompanions.org. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Ramsey, Michael W.



Michael W. Ramsey, 65 of Windsor, Beloved Father of Gregory and Kara Ramsey passed away peacefully on July 13, 2022 with his children, grandchildren and sister by his side. Michael was born in Hartford to the late Frank Sr and Florence Ramsey. Michael grew up in East Hartford and graduated from George J Penney High School. His greatest joys were his family, old-school music, and his dogs. He was a passionate Pittsburgh Steelers and Boston Red Sox Fan. Michael leaves behind his memories, values, and life sessions to be cherished by his adoring children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters, nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces and a host of family and friends. Michael was predeceased by his loving wife Kathleen M. Ramsey, brothers: Frank Ramsey Jr, Norman Ramsey, nephew: Kehinde Ramsey and brothers-in-law Andre Jones and Kenneth Hall. His family will receive friends on Wednesday August 10, 2022 10am-11:30am at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd Windsor, with a Celebration of Life immediately following. Burial will be private later. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. For online condolences and to attend the service remotely please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Schatz, Edith (Bernstein)



Edith Bernstein Schatz (1931-2022)

Edith Bernstein Schatz, beloved for her joyous approach to life, passed away in the comfort of her own home in Bloomfield, Connecticut on August 1. She was 91. Edith was a devoted mother and grandmother, wonderful friend, arts supporter, local tennis champion, bridge and golf enthusiast, pianist, folk singer, traveler and lover of life. She was fun and free-spirited, with an infectious laugh: a magical "Grandy" who hid candy and comic books in her grandchildren's beds and celebrated all family birthdays as if they were national holidays. Born on March 19, 1931, in New York City to Mary and Abram Bernstein, Edith grew up on West End Avenue and graduated from the High School of Music and Art in 1948. In high school, she played the bass fiddle and piano, sang and wrote musical shows. At 16, she won the special honor of being maestro Leonard Bernstein's greeter at Grand Central Station. She attended Barnard College and senior year was presented with a "Swing and Sway" baton by bandleader Sammy Kaye after competing in "So You Want to Lead A Band." After graduating in 1952, she worked in television production in New York City and then married and moved to West Hartford, where she raised four children and later earned a Master's in Education at St. Joseph's College in 1968. She subsequently taught in West Hartford schools and was also an enthusiastic volunteer in helping Russian immigrants adapt to the Hartford community. Loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend, she is survived by Louis and Susan Schatz of West Hartford, Beverly and David Therkelsen of Andover, Massachusetts, Carol Schatz and Richard Papper of New York City, and Patricia and Gilles Pipernos-Schatz also of West Hartford. She was the adoring grandmother of: David and Amy Schatz, Carly and Matt Campbell (and great granddaughter Ada Ruth Campbell), Matt Therkelsen and Talia Steiman, Liza Therkelsen; Gaby and Will Papper; and Benjamin and Sara Pipernos. Her beloved sister, Joann Temkin, passed away in 2015. The family extends a special thank you to Delores for her help the last two years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edith's memory to Alumni & Friends of LaGuardia High School, <https://alumniandfriends.org/give>. The family plans to celebrate her life with a private service.

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IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of
FLORENCE LAPOINTE
03/07/1931-08/07/2003

Mom, We miss you every day. Remembering you always. Your children.

In Loving Memory Of
AMY BETH O'MALLEY



8/7/1977 - 11/9/2013

Another birthday in Heaven, Amy. How I wish you were here to celebrate with us. Instead, it will be yet another painful day without you. Love you and miss you with all my heart, forever and always. Love, Mom and family

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of
BETTY (ROMAN) SICA



1954 - 2019

Happy Birthday Betty!

It's been almost 3 years since you passed away and I truly miss you. I had been trying to get in touch with you since 2017 with no success and only found out about your passing last fall. I wish I had known how to contact your sister to find out what was going on with you. Betty you were a special person with compassion for all those you knew and cared for. Your generous heart made you even more so. I am so grateful that you chose me as your friend. You will never be forgotten.

Your friend always,
Angie

In Loving Memory Of
NICHOLAS HARRITY



November 20, 1981 - August 7, 2013

Remembered with love, remembered with sorrow
Remembered with stories, remembered with pain
Remembered with laughter, remembered with courage
Remembered in pictures, with a camera always in hand.

Remembered with brilliance, with talent to burn.
Our shooting star that burned so brightly, for far too short a time.

The night before high school graduation, I told you I was sorry you were dealt such bad cards. You replied, "But I got the good cards, too."

Such courage. You gave love, straight up.

Remembered, remembered, always remembered.

"There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go, no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone















































Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow

You who choose to lead must follow
But if you fall, you fall alone
If you should stand, then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way I would take you home."

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Denise, adopted 17-year-old Amina



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Pierre Marais as Gilbert, Juliette Redden as Anne Shirley and the cast of “Anne of Green Gables” at the Goodspeed Opera House.
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THEATER REVIEW

WORK IN PROGRESS

An imperfect but fresh ‘Anne of Green Gables’ at Goodspeed offers a modern perspective on a classic

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

A bold new version of the farm-fresh children’s classic “Anne of Green Gables” at Goodspeed Opera House reinterprets the story’s main relationships, adds some kicky dancing and a lot of chairs, and promotes a beautiful basic theme of love and trust.

This “Anne of Green Gables — A New Musical” has a modern attitude, a modern style and a fervent desire to remove this story from the bucolic countryside environment, frilly dresses and nostalgic old-world manners that have confined it for so long.

The children’s classic began as a novel by L.M. Montgomery, published in 1908. Montgomery wrote seven other books about Anne Shirley and her adventures at Avonlea and elsewhere. The characters she created have fueled several dozen TV, movie and radio adaptations. There have been several stage musical versions before this one, including one in the Prince Edward Island region of Canada where the book is set that entered the Guinness Book of World Records for “longest running annual musical theater production.”



The chair-filled set of “Anne of Green Gables” at the Goodspeed Opera House.

The Goodspeed is billing its version as a world premiere, though the show had an earlier production at the Rev Theater in Auburn, New York, in 2018 with the same director Jenn Thompson, choreographer Jennifer Jancuska, scenic designer Wilson Chin, and music supervisor Amanda Morton. (The music director who leads the band here is

Matthew Smedal.)

The show’s book and lyrics are by Matte O’Brien, who writes in an essay in the playbill that “growing up as a queer person in a conservative town, I never felt that I belonged.” He says he felt an affinity with the character of Anne Shirley: “She was somehow ‘other,’ like me — like so many of us. We’ve all had the feeling of standing outside a group or community, looking in, longing to be recognized, to have our value

acknowledged, to connect.”

That’s a fair assessment of the guiding principles of this adaptation. It focuses on the reactions of Anne Shirley (played by Juliette Redden) as she is demeaned, challenged, humbled and generally misunderstood of the townsfolk of Avonlea, where she has been brought as an orphan to work a farm owned by the non-nonsense Marilla Cuthbert (Sharon Catherine Brown) and her brother Matthew (D.C. Anderson).

One of Anne Shirley’s key friendships is with Diana Barry (Michelle Veintimilla), whose aspirations to have a career are derailed by her mother’s insistence to marry and raise a family. O’Brien’s script reframes the Anne/Diana relationship as potentially lesbian, adding romantic tension to the scenes where the young women are kept apart from each other.

Fixating on raw, varied and often conflicting realistic real-world emotions means that some simplistic stereotyped characters for the original book — the “beautiful” girl, the vain handsome boy and various domineering and closed-minded adults —

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ARTS PICKS FOR
AUG. 7-13

Slew of ’70s rockers among the best bets

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The Courant’s art picks for the week of Aug. 7 to 13 want you to want them. One way or another, they’re gonna getcha. It’s a good week to have been in high school or college in the ’70s because there’s a good chance one of your favorite bands is playing here.

It took two or three albums for some of them to receive the wide acclaim they deserved, so when they first visited Connecticut, acts like Elvis Costello, Blondie and Cheap Trick were playing Toad’s Place or smaller venues. Now they’re playing the state’s resort casinos. The Fleshtones, meanwhile, remain a consummate club band, whipping up their patented “Super Rock” sound at Cafe Nine, where you can see them sweat.

Acts that were already big mainstream draws by the mid-’70s are also in the mix these week, including Rod Stewart, Santana and Steely Dan.

Meanwhile, summer music gatherings run the gamut from the Podunk Bluegrass Festival to the Charles Ives chamber music festival. The performing arts stage at the Mystic Outdoor Art Festival alone offers opera singers, Chinese folk dancing, klezmer, a swing band, puppetry and modern dance.

Steely Dan

Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater, 500 Broad St., Bridgeport

Still reeling in the years, doing it again, and perhaps still unable to buy a thrill, the jazzy soft-rock duo (with sidemen) Steely Dan continues to tour in the summertime. On Aug. 7 they’re at a place they haven’t played before, the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater in Bridgeport. \$54-\$250. hartfordhealthcareamp.com.

Charles Ives Music Festival

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield

Charles Ives, one of the most important American composers of the 20th, was born in Danbury and cut his teeth as a composer working at churches and schools around the state. He also went to Yale. The annual Charles Ives Music Festival began its summer programming on Aug. 1, but some key events happen this week.

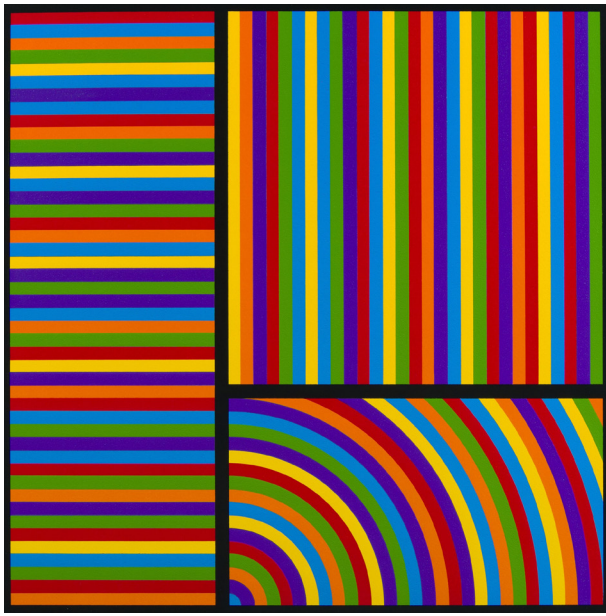
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Donald Fagen is now the sole founding member of Steely Dan who is still in the pioneering band.
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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

Sol LeWitt’s 2000 linocut on paper “Color Bands (Wadsworth Portfolio)” is part of the exhibit “Sol LeWitt: Artist and Collector at Play” at Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London.
THE LEWITT ESTATE; ARTISTS RIGHTS SOCIETY, NEW YORK



By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing and masking rules.

Hartford County

Amistad Center for Art & Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: An exhibit in honor of Bloomfield native Anika Noni Rose will be up until Sept. 18. amistadcenter.org.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum

of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford:

“Naama Tsabar / MATRIX 189: Melodies of Certain Damage (Opus 6)” and “Hamilton: The Art of Remaking History” are up to Sept. 11. A spotlight exhibit, “James Abbott McNeill Whistler, Coast of Brittany (Alone with the Tide),” begins Aug. 4. thewadsworth.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.:

“Nor’Easter: The 52nd Annual Juried Members Exhibition” will be up Aug. 11 to 28. “30 Americans,” a show of work by Black artists, is up to Oct. 30. Artists are Nina Chanel Abney, John Bankston, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Mark Bradford, Nick Cave, Robert Colescott, Noah Davis, Leonardo Drew, Renée Green, David Hammons, Barkley L. Hendricks, Rashid Johnson, Glenn Ligon, Kalup Linzy,

Kerry James Marshall, Rodney McMillan, Wangechi Mutu, William Pope.L, Rozeal, Gary Simmons, Xaviera Simmons, Lorna Simpson, Shinique Smith, Henry Taylor, Hank Willis Thomas, Mickalene Thomas, Kara Walker, Carrie Mae Weems, Kehinde Wiley and Purvis Young. “Mildred Thompson: Cosmic Flow” is up until Nov. 27. “North America Divided,” which pairs 19th-century landscapes and genre scenes with works by contemporary artists Neil Jenney and Valerie Hegarty, is up until March. “American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA” is up until Oct. 1. “Eva LeWitt” is up until Nov. 11, 2023. “Cowboys, Detectives, and Daredevils: Pulp Art at the NBMAA” is up until Aug. 7. “Being Seen: People

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and Places in American Art, 1960s to Today" is up until Aug. 28. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "Dreaming in Black & White Deep Pool" is up to Aug. 28. "Dishonest Dancers Jesús Hilario-Reyes" is up until Aug. 21. "Duty-Free Paradise: Lani Asunción" is up until Aug. 28. "Supernature: Benjamin Spalding" and "Duality: In Unplain Sight: Heather Heckel" are up until Oct. 16. realartways.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Athenaeum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Athenaeum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale. Across the street from the Athenaeum is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Athenaeum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road in Windsor Locks: An exhibit about New England women who made significant contributions to the history of aviation, an exhibit about the Windsor Locks tornado and an exhibit about the Kosciuszko Squadron are on permanent display. neam.org.

Marlborough Town Hall, 26 North Main St.: Work by Carol Jeffries is up until December. marlborougharts.org.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Formative: Frederick Law Olmsted in Connecticut" is up to Aug. 28. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. chs.org.

Hill Stead Museum, 35 Mountain Road in Farmington: "Radical Spirits: Tarot, Automatism, and Feminist Histories," an exhibit of work by members of the feminist art collective Hilma's Ghost, will be up to Nov. 1. hillstead.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford: "'Quintessence, the Work of Five Artists," with work by Judy Giguere, Mary Marsan, Cynthia Vascak, Karen Israel and James Spinelli, is up until Sept. 6. monasterygallery.art.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "The Art of Recovery," work by artists impacted by addiction, is up to Aug. 19. workspacemanchester.com.

Kent Library, 50 North Main St. in Suffield: Work by Richard Nowak will be up until Aug. 31. suffield-library.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: "Summering: FVAC Studio Artist Exhibit" is up to Aug. 27. "Mixed & Matched & Printed & Patched" is up Aug. 6 to 27. artsfvac.org.

ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St.: "Gateway to Places We're Told We Cannot Go: Christa Whitten" is up to Aug. 27. hplct.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "8th Annual Member's Exhibition" runs until Sept. 3. windsorartcenter.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: The 62nd Anniversary Exhibition and a solo exhibit by Richard Allen Cohen are up to Aug. 6. August POP-UP Show and a Retrospective Solo Show by Mary Louise Pech are up Aug. 12 to 28. galleryonthegreen.org.

Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: Spring Arts Festival is up to Aug. 24. manchestercc.edu/hans-weiss-newspace/

Avon Town Hall, 60 West Main St.: A spring/summer exhibit of 29 artworks will be up until Oct. 15. avonarts.org.

Art Gallery at University of



"Lisa Lebofsky: On the Horizon" is opening July 23 at Carol Corey Fine Art in Kent.

CAROL COREY FINE ART

Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "A Summer Selection: Works from the Collection" is up until Sept. 3. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Chase Family Gallery at Mandell JCC, 335 Bloomfield Ave. in West Hartford: Photographs by Mallorie Ostrowitz are up until Aug. 26. mandelljcc.org.

The Arts Industry, 93 Talcott Road in West Hartford: "We Wash This Hat Sometimes," work by Adam Viens, Jim Whitten and Susan Dane, will be on show Aug. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Lost Acres Vineyard, 80 Lost Acres Road in North Granby: Work by Diane Olean Bannon is up until Aug. 7. lostacresvineyard.com.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "This is Us," work by Rebecca Fowke, Dame Fk, Stephanie Gerald, Kern Bruce, Mere Doyen and Nicki Arciolinda Bonanno, is up to Aug. 12. hygienic.org.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Seaport Museum, 75 Greenmanville Ave.: "Story Boats: The Tales They Tell" is up to Aug. 14. mystic-seaport.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Dana Sherwood: Animal Appetites and Other Encounters in Wildness" is up to Sept. 18. flogris.org.

Norwich Arts Center, 60 Broadway: "Artistic Wanderings" is up from Aug. 5 to 31. norwicharts.org/exhibits.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "111th Annual Exhibition of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts" is up until Aug. 20. lymeacademy.edu.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Water All Around Us," work by artists age 3 to 18, is up to Aug. 12. lymeartassociation.org.

Thames River Gallery, 239 Bank St. in New London: "Eye of the Beholder," an exhibit of seven local artists — Thomas Adkins, Lisa Miceli, T.R Mockler, Brechin Morgan, H. Gray Park IV, Howard Park and Len Swec — will be up until Sept. 24. instagram.com/thamesrivergalleryct.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "13th Annual Stonington Artists Show" is up to Sept. 23. lagruacenter.org.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "Norman Rockwell's Saturday Evening Post Covers: Tell Me a Story" and "Missing Narratives" are up to Sept. 18. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Poetry in the Wild: Sculptures by Ana Flores" will be up all summer. "The Will to Change: Gathering as Praxis" an exhibit by Nasty Women Connecticut in honor of bell

hooks, will be up until Aug. 12. "Sol LeWitt: Artist and Collector at Play," will be up to Oct. 16. lymanallyn.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Melvin Edwards: Asafokra" is up until Sept. 5. "52 Artists: A Feminist Milestone" is up to Jan. 8. aldrichart.org.

The Glass House, 199 Elm St. in New Canaan: The historic home of architect Philip Johnson is open for outdoor tours. "Pliable Plane: Anni Albers" is up until Dec. 13. "David Hartt: A Colored Garden," with paintings by Charles Ethan Porter and a new film by Hartt, will be up until Nov. 14. theglasshouse.org.

Silvermine Arts Center, 1037 Silvermine Road in New Canaan: The 2022 Guild Summer Salon, an exhibit of work by more than 100 Silvermine members, will be up to Aug. 18. silvermine-art.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "8th Biennial FOOTPRINT International Exhibition 2022 and "Shop Swap: East London Printmakers at CCP" are up to Aug. 28. contemprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: "The Inner Sanctums: Gene Moore" will be up to Sept. 30. stillrivereditions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: "Abstract Ascension: Dana James, Kathryn MacNaughton and Anna Pietrzak" is up to Aug. 31. hollistaggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: "Mixing with the Masters," an exhibit of work by members who are inspired by classic works of art, will be up from Aug. 6 to 28. loftartists.org.

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "Women Pulling at the Threads of Social Discourse," a collaboration with The Contemporary Art Modern Project and the Fiber Artists Miami Association, will be up to Sept. 4. Artists include Laetitia Adam-Rabel, Alissa Alfonso, Carlos Bautista Biernnay, Nancy Billings, Liene Bosqu , Pip Brant, Carola Bravo, Mabelin Castellanos, Melissa Dadourian, Camille Eskell, Susan Feliciano, Molly Gambardella, Amy Gelb, Joseph Ginsberg, Jac Lahav, Maria Lino, Laura Marsh, Sooo-z Mastropietro, Caitlin McCormack, Shelly McCoy, Jeanne Jaffe & Molly McGreevy, Norma Minkowitz, Aurora Molina, Valeria Montag, Chiara No, Evelyn Politzer, Rosana Machado Rodriguez, Alina Rodriguez Rojo, Damian Rojo, Margaret Roleke, Debora Rosental, Rosario Salazar, Yolanda Sanchez, Natalia Schonowski, Leslie Sheryll, Silvana Soriano, Maru Ulivi, Rita Valley, Lisu Vega, Laura Villareal, Joan Wheeler, Silvia Yapur and Wendy Wahl. mocawestport.org.

Saugatuck Train Station, 1 Railroad Place in Westport: A lenticular portrait of Olympic silver medalist and Westport resident Julia Marino, created by Miggs Burroughs, is on exhibit until summer 2023.

Carriage Barn Arts Center, Waveny Park, 681 South Ave. in New Canaan: The community pop-up exhibit "Art for Animals" will be up Aug. 12 to 20. carriagebarn.org.

City Lights Gallery, 265 Golden Hill St. in Bridgeport: "OutWork," an exhibit coinciding with Bridgeport's annual Pride festival, will be up to Sept. 10. Artists are Erik Anderson, Mario Baez, Melisa Benedek, Angel Bloom, Carlos B Biernnay, Darron Copeland, Jon Couto, Mia Lipstick, Julia-Rose Liptak, Finn Lockwood, David Marciniszyn, Ricky Mestre, Casey Moran, Marshall Moyer, Katelyn Owens, Victor Pigoretti, Adrian Pulido, Valerie Ruby Omen, Richard Stillson, Carl Straw, Richard Taddei, David Townsend, Danielle Walker, Patrick Webb and Joan Wheeler. citylights-gallery.org.

New Haven County

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Lino Kino: Completely Familiar, Entirely Free," a show of work by Lani Asunci n, Amira Brown, Saskia Globig, Michael Ipsen, Kyuri Jeon, Micah Lat, Matt Lavine, Anna Lindemann, Shelby Meier, Fred Schmidt-Arenales, Jessica Smolinski and Sonnie Wooden, addresses the historic and continued roles of industry and advertising in shaping urban spaces. It is up to Sept. 10. artspacenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: "From the Outside In," a show of work by Kaitlyn Higgins, Lauren Wiedenmann, Sofia Carrillo, Nelly Torres, Jaiden Shoulders, Ashlynn Topper and Sereen Mezzane, is up to Sept. 4. nxthvn.com.

Gallery at the Institute Library, 847 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Decoys & Mimics," a group exhibit that mixes books in the library's collection with decoys, mimics, faux, imitations, ersatz, parodies, fakes, forgeries and deceptions, is up until Sept. 22. The artists are Frederic Aquaviva, Regan Avery, Marsha Borden, Hank Bradley, Janet Severi Bristow, Robert Brush, George Corsillo, Leila Daw, Eva Geertz, Edward Gorey, Clymenza Hawkins, Jack Hitt, Ann Kennedy, Martha Willette Lewis, Linda Lindroth, Zohra Rawling, Brian Slattery, Maddy Rosenberg, Scott Schuldt, Jean Scott, Jeff Slomba, Christina Spiesel and Rita Valley. institutelibrary.org

Gallery 53, 53 Colony St. in Meriden: A collection of work by photographer Ray Gawlak will be up Aug. 6 to 19. gallery53.org.

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford: "Weld-Built: The Guilford Architecture of William E. Weld" is on view until December. portal.ct.gov/ECD-HenryWhitfield-StateMuseum.

Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven: "Art in Relief: New Works from the CAW Studios" is up until Aug. 23. creativeartsworkshop.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitfield Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City," "Factory" and "The Quantum Revolution: Handcrafted in New Haven" are on view. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Incarnations: Roberta Friedman, Sheila Kaczmarek, Lenny Moskowitz" is up to July 31. "Upper State Street 1978: At the Height of Its Decline," a show of photographs by Karen Klugman, will be up from Aug. 5 to 21. city-gallery.org.

Perspectives Gallery @ Whitney Center, 200 Leed-er Hill Drive in Hamden: "Storytellers," a show of work by Kwadwo Adae, Matthew Best, Jenn Cacciola, Mary Dwyer, Anya Kotler, Melissa Sutherland Moss and Joan Wheeler, is up until Sept. 9. elycenter.org.

Mitchell Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library, 37 Harrison St.: "In Need of More Light," work by Jane Gilman Fleischner and Larry Morse, is up Aug. 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. nhfpl.org.

Guilford Art Center, 411 Church St.: "In Good Hands: Healthcare Workers Make Art" is up Aug. 12 to Sept. 3. guilfordartcenter.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: "The Immigrant Suitcase Project: Italians of Waterbury" is up until Oct. 31. "An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "Shipwrecks: Duty of Memory," a show of photographs by Stefano Benazzo, and "The Garden" will be up to Aug. 28. "Mystery & Benevolence," an exhibit on the histories of the Freemasons and the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, is up to Sept. 4. "Beyond Fraternity: Charitable and Community Organizations in Waterbury" is up to Aug. 21. mattmuseum.org.

Yale Center for British Art, 1080 Chapel St. in New Haven: "Bridget Riley: Perceptual Abstraction" is up until July 24. "Marc Quinn: History Painting +" is up until Oct. 16. britishart.yale.edu.

Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel St. in New Haven: The permanent collection is on view. artgallery.yale.edu.

Mitchell Branch of the New Haven Free Public Library, 37 Harrison St. in the Westville section of New Haven: Artwork by Jane Gilman Fleischner and Larry Morse will be on view from Aug. 2 to 30. azothgallery.com.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Summer in New England" is up to Sept. 5. Artists are Kathy Anderson, Del-Bourree Bach, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Kelly Birkenruth, David Dunlop, Neal Hughes, Tom Hughes, Carol Jenkins, Andrew Lattimore, James Magner, Anne McGrory, Leonard Mizerek, Deborah Quinn-Munson, Dennis Sheehan, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Katie Swatland, and George Van Hook. susanpowellfineart.com.

Middlesex County

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Fun and Pleasure" will be on exhibit to Sept. 10. spectrumartgallery.org.

Back Gallery of The Space, 1 Main St. in Chester: Contemporary works by members of River Valley Artists will be on show until Aug. 31. rivervalleyartists.com.

Ashlawn Outpost, 362 West Elm St. in Deep River: Paintings of cows, sheep, chickens, goats, ducks, pigs and barns, all 8 inches by 8 inches, by members of River Valley Artists, are on show. rivervalleyartists.com.

Ben Parker Studio, 1 North Main St. in Essex: "Please Touch the Art," sculptures by Patti Kelley-Borchert, will be up to Aug. 12. facebook.com/BRDParker.

Katharine Hepburn Museum, at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center at 300 Main St. in Old Saybrook: Artifacts from the life and career of Katharine Hepburn are on permanent display. thekate.org.

Litchfield County

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Kikuo Saito: Paint with Drawing"

is up until Aug. 5. "Sidival Filia: Weaving Reality" and "Elisabetta Zangrandi: Blue Constellations" are up until Aug. 17. jamesbarronart.com.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Trees and Flowers" with work by Mio Akashi, Jeff Joyce, Daniel Murray and Olga Sweet, will be up until Sept. 18. artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/artworks.

Kent Art Association, 21 South Main St.: "Elected Artist and Solo Show" is up to Aug. 21. kentart.org.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "302 Years of Making Art," a show of work by Joey Sage Jablonski and Bernie Re of East Canaan, Diane and Joel Gilman Fleischner and Larry Morse, is up Aug. 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. nhfpl.org.

Five Points Annex, 17 Water St. in Torrington: Work by B. Smith will be up from Aug. 5 to 13. fivepointsarts.org.

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Jill Enfield: Glasshouse of Immigrants," "Jane Rainwater: The Botanical Tyranny Dollhouse," "John Keefer: Six Paintings" will be up from Aug. 5 to Sept. 10. fivepointsarts.org.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Summer Selections," a show of work by Leora Armstrong, Jimbo Blachly, Sam Clayton, Jonathan Fabricant, Michael Gellatly, Greg Goldberg, Erick Johnsn, Mary Kenealy, Stephen Maine, Holly Miller, Marilla Palmer, Carter Hodgkin, Lawre Stone and Gelah Penn, will be up until Aug. 28. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

Washington Art Association, 4 Bryan Memorial Plaza in Washington Depot: "Drawn to Love" is up to Aug. 28. washingtonartassociation.org.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Weather," a show of paintings by Susan English, is up to Sept. 4 kbfa.com.

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St. in Winsted: Mural dedicated to American working people, five stories high and 120 feet wide, is open for viewing Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$5 students, ages 4 and younger free, \$25 for a season pass. american-muralproject.org.

Carol Corey Fine Art, 6 North Main St. in Kent: "Lisa Lebofsky: On the Horizon" is up to Sept. 4. carolcoreyfineart.com.

Tolland County

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes" and "Awake: The Art & Design of Anthony Foronda" are on view through the end of summer. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/.

Ballard Institute Museum of Puppetry, at 1 Royce Circle at UConn in Storrs: "Swing into Action: Maurice Sendak and the World of Puppetry" will be up to Dec. 16. bimp.uconn.edu.

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: "Don't Break the Bank Art Sale" will be up to Aug. 7. "Gene Pitney: Singer-Songwriter" is up from Aug. 6 to Sept. 25. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Work by Jane Collins" is up until June 30. Work by Scott Rhoades runs to Aug. 31. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

The Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 112, at Eastern Connecticut State University, 83 Windham St. in Willimantic: "Imagined Places, Inhabited Spaces" is up until Sept. 2. Artists in the show are Adrienne Giontack, AdrienneRose Chioda, Rod Faulds and Lydia Viscardi. easternct.edu/art-gallery.

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Looking for ‘Vengeance,’ Novak found America

His first film a dark comedy about life in nation that may not be so divided

By Dave Itzkoff
The New York Times

A funny story that B.J. Novak likes to tell from the making of his new movie is about the day he thought he was having a stroke. Are you chuckling yet?

At the start of 2020, Novak, a writer, comedian and alum of “The Office,” had finally gotten the green light to make “Vengeance,” a dark comedy set in small-town Texas. That’s when he thought he was slurring his speech and called a colleague to ask if he was noticing it, too.

As Novak, 43, recalled, “I was like, you hear that, don’t you? And he said, I do. And I called my doctor and went in the next morning for an MRI, and they said you’re fine, and I realized I’m terrified to make this movie.”

Like a lot of the humor that appeals to Novak — whose symptoms, rest assured, were completely psychosomatic — what’s funny about this story is a matter of perspective. You can laugh at it in relief, when you know the person telling it is no longer in danger.

This is a theme that comes up frequently in “Vengeance,” which blends some of the awkward cringe comedy that “The Office” was famous for with a knowing, cynical sharpness that would never fly in the hallways of Dunder Mifflin.

The film, now in theaters, is Novak’s debut as a feature director and screenwriter, and he stars in it as Ben Manalowitz, a self-assured New York

writer. When Ben learns that a woman he dated casually — very casually — has died under hazy circumstances in her Texas hometown, he travels there in hopes of turning the story into a hit podcast.

Although Ben arrives with selfish motives and a stereotypical sense of red-state values, he grows enamored of the dead woman’s family (played by Boyd Holbrook, J. Smith-Cameron, Isabella Amara and Dove Cameron, among others). His investigation also leads him to an astute record producer (Ashton Kutcher) who exerts an ominous influence over the town.

For Novak, “Vengeance” is an ambitious attempt to step out of his sitcom comfort zone and see if he can make it as an Albert Brooks-like leading man. As he said of his acting resume, which has included small roles in “Inglourious Basterds” and other films, “I’m very much a reaction-shot guy. I’ve never been a point-of-view character.”

“Vengeance” is also one of a small number of original comedies that has received a theatrical release, and getting it made required a level of commitment that Novak had never expected.

“I really felt like a madman on the corner,” he said. “I’m going to star in this movie, and it’s a comedy but also a thriller but also a love story. But it’s also about how technology does this to us. I really thought I was nuts, but I kept going.”

But there’s an intensity that colors all his anecdotes about “Vengeance,” whose central premise he had been kicking around for several years.

“We live in divided times, quote-unquote, because we

communicate completely on our own timelines,” he said. “It was from my experience dating and being a somewhat shallow person who didn’t really know what he was missing until it was too late.”

Novak added, “Every year that went by, it became a more topical film, which I didn’t ever intend it to be.”

Between 2015 and 2018, Novak said, he took research trips to Texas cities like Abilene and Pecos, seeking to dispel his misconceptions about a part of the country he assumed would be unwelcoming.

“I thought that these huge dudes with beards and pickup trucks would be very suspicious of a Hollywood blue-state guy, and I found the exact opposite,” he said. “It’s the warmest culture I ever found. I went to Easter dinners, and people would show me the poetry they had written.”

Novak returned from his travels with the foundation for what would become “Vengeance,” and with the intention that he would play the lead. “I wrote the role to be impossible to cast with anyone but me,” he said. “You know, superficial with a possible hidden heart, blah blah blah.”

The cast for “Vengeance” grew to include Issa Rae, who plays a podcast producer Ben is hoping to impress; singer-songwriter John Mayer, who plays one of Ben’s self-centered New York friends; and Kutcher, who previously employed Novak as an on-camera accomplice for his MTV prank series, “Punk’D.”

Kutcher said he was particularly impressed with a long monologue that his character delivered, about people who seem to care less about the lives they lead than the digital records of them that they



B.J. Novak, seen June 15, wrote and directed “Vengeance.” ERIK TANNER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

leave behind.

“When you look at human behavior, and the obsessive nature of chasing that dopamine hit from posting every moment we think is interesting or cool or funny, you realize his theory has merit,” Kutcher said.

“Vengeance” arrived in theaters on the heels of blockbusters “Top Gun: Maverick,” “Jurassic World Dominion” and “Thor: Love and Thunder,” at a time when many other low-budget comedies and dramas about more earth-bound matters are being released directly to streaming platforms.

Jason Blum, CEO of

Blumhouse, one of the companies that produced “Vengeance,” said the film could have just as easily received a streaming release.

“I can’t tell you we didn’t contemplate that during the pandemic,” he said. “We contemplated every possible distribution outlet, ever.”

But, Blum said, his company has had success with films from writer-directors who blended comedy and thriller genres, like Jordan Peele’s “Get Out,” and he was hopeful that “Vengeance” might find a similar lane.

“This movie is exactly the kind of movie that

people say they want to see,” Blum said. “If it does well, it’ll open a path to put other original movies in theaters, too, not just movies based on existing intellectual property.”

For Novak, the theatrical release is an opportunity to show “Vengeance” to the same people he hopes it captures and to determine if they appreciate how he has depicted them.

“I really want Texans to like it,” he said. “I wanted to make this Texans’ favorite movie. I even put a Whataburger in it. I remember seeing Dunkin’ Donuts in ‘Good Will Hunting.’ As a Bostonian, you just felt so seen.”

Martin: Black-owned media has authenticity, trust

Journalist used his own funds to start Black Star Network

By Stephen Battaglio
Los Angeles Times

Veteran journalist and political analyst Roland Martin’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., is filled with vibrant paintings and prints by Black artists. But the one that speaks loudest is the large collage topped with bold, large letters that say #BlackOwnedMedia Matters.

Covering an entire wall, the piece displays front pages from various publications such as Jet, Ebony, Essence, the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro Digest, Savoy and the NAACP’s journal, the Crisis. There are logos from the first Black-owned TV station, WGPR in Detroit, and TV One, the cable channel where Martin anchored a daily news program.

It’s a legacy Martin wanted to follow when, in 2018, he launched his streaming news show, “#RolandMartinUnfiltered,” aimed at Black audiences. Three years later, it became the flagship for his Black Star Network, which now has seven shows.

When Martin, 53, describes his entrepreneurial vision, he cites an 1827 quote from Freedom’s Journal, the nation’s first Black newspaper: “We wish to plead our own cause; too long have others spoken for us.”

While mainstream news organizations have added more diversity on camera and in the executive suite, Martin says having sources dedicated to Black audiences still matters.

“The most important thing we have in Black-owned media is authenticity and trust,” Martin said. “We are perceived differently. They see us as family.”

Martin has toiled for a



Roland Martin’s Black Star Network has grown to seven shows. FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY 2019

number of Black-owned outlets. But his popularity skyrocketed when he became a cable news fixture as a commentator for CNN from 2007 to 2013.

“Roland has always had the pulse of Black America,” said veteran journalist Soledad O’Brien, a colleague of Martin’s at CNN. “He’s a truth-teller.”

A staunch defender of former President Barack Obama, Martin was a bold voice during CNN’s political coverage, which earned a Peabody Award in 2008. He also drove the network to pay more attention to such stories as

the Trayvon Martin killing. He combined passion with a mastery of detailed facts.

CNN ratings spiked whenever Martin appeared on the cable channel’s programs. Such data would ordinarily be a reason to give a personality a show of his own.

But being a fiery communicator who takes no prisoners — especially when opposing talking heads spout misinformation — made some TV news executives uncomfortable.

“A network president said to a friend of mine that ‘Roland is like a strong cup of black coffee,’” Martin

recalled during a recent interview. “And I said to my friend, ‘The value of a strong cup of black coffee is that it shakes you out of your slacency.’ I think in many ways the strong and black part are what’s problematic. I’ve heard ‘Oh, you’re arrogant, you’re cocky.’ No, I’m confident. I know what I know.”

Martin left CNN to become anchor of a daily newscast, “NewsOne Now,” on TV One, where he already hosted a weekly Beltway talk show. It was canceled in 2017 after four years due to budget cuts, despite earning a loyal

following and an NAACP Image Award.

By that time, Martin, a student of the technical side of TV, realized how streaming video offered the opportunity for ownership, editorial freedom and the ability to target an audience seeking his perspective. Using his own funds (\$400,000 was the initial investment), Martin created “#RolandMartinUnfiltered,” a daily two-hour show distributed through an app, social media sites and streaming video platforms such as Roku, Fire TV and Apple TV. Today, he has nearly 900,000 subscribers on YouTube, where the show first launched, and 11 employees.

Martin’s voice was welcomed as major stories such as the police killing of George Floyd and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic made race and equity issues a major national conversation. In 2020, his program averaged 30 million views a month and turned a profit, he said. Like all other news platforms, its viewership ebbed in 2021, but he says his channel is still drawing between 15 million to 20 million views a month.

Major advertisers have signed on, including Procter & Gamble, General Motors, Verizon, Target and Coca-Cola. He is on track to take in \$3.5 million in revenue this year, up from \$3 million in 2021.

Martin’s daily two-hour program does not try to reinvent cable news. He leads discussions on the biggest stories of the day, most of them Washington-based. The difference is every topic is examined through the prism of what it means to Black Americans with experts not often seen on other outlets.

“During the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, I said, ‘Get

me every Black dean of an HBCU law school,’” Martin said. When the pandemic hit, he featured professors from HBCU medical schools and Xavier University.

“There is a huge reservoir of knowledge and intellect there that folks don’t tap into,” he said.

Stories that have an impact on the Black community and get a segment or two on mainstream outlets will get a full program from Martin. He streamed live for six days from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to cover the 100th anniversary of the massacre of Black Wall Street.

He will often wear the colors of a historically Black college or university or one of the dashikis he had custom-made during visits to Africa. His set features images of Black icons such as journalist Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Harry Belafonte, as well as a pair of Nike Air Force 1 sneakers that commemorate Colin Kaepernick.

Martin is determined to keep Black Star Network free for its users. He believes many of his followers could not afford the cost of a monthly subscription for his programs.

Martin did not want to launch Black Star Network on his own. But some potential partners kept talking about an eventual sale, instead of the mission of providing a news and information source for his audience. He believes the pressure to continue to attract investors and raise money is not good for journalism. But Martin is a realist. He believes Black-owned media is still too fragmented, making it easier for the ad industry to ignore.

“I think we should be looking at partnering with one another to achieve a level of scale so we can take down additional ad dollars,” he said. “To negate the excuse that we can’t.”

Guests keep on inviting extra people, and their pets, to stay



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: My wife and I moved to a small town along the coast. Our three-bedroom, two-bath home can comfortably accommodate a total of about eight people, including us.

Here is the rub: We have some close friends who occasionally come to visit with their preteen children. On one previous visit, they announced at dinner that a close friend of theirs would be “dropping by” the following day. Since their friend would have to drive several hours to get here, and there are no hotels within a few miles of our home, I was skeptical about her “dropping by.” But I did not make an issue of it, since our friends’ visits make my wife happy.

The following morning, their friend showed up with her two children, her older sister and her dog in tow. It was obvious they intended to stay with us, because they dragged in overnight bags and pillows from their car.

My wife, being the accommodating type, gave me the side-eye and welcomed them with open arms. We then set about trying to find space for four more people, many of whom slept on the floor or the living room couch. This brought the number of people from seven to 11, plus an additional dog.

When everyone left at the end of the three-day weekend, my wife and I sat down and had a long discussion about what had happened and what we would do about it. We agreed that our friends took advantage of our

hospitality without asking us, and we resolved to change the visiting rules.

The next time our friends wanted to visit, they again stated that their friend would be “dropping by.” This time we said “no,” and we were very firm. We let them know that from now on, we are limiting the number of people staying over, and we are no longer welcoming other pets. As a result, their visits are less frequent, which makes my wife unhappy. She wants to throw the new rules out. I totally disagree.

Gentle reader: Calling your agreement a rule appeared to put it beyond appeal. But as you know, you are, for the sake of family harmony, going to have to reopen the discussion.

Miss Manners has a suggestion. She worries that the newly implemented rules, and their announcement, were ungracious. It is not that you do not welcome guests, including friends of friends — even, occasionally, dogs and preteens. It is that you intend to be wonderful hosts to all your guests, and to accomplish that, you must be the ones issuing the invitations.

If your friends want another friend included (note the singular), they should tell you, and you will see if that request can be accommodated or not. You can then issue a limited invitation — or, with apologies, decline to do so. This should appear to your wife as a welcome relaxing of the rules. And while it will require the very thing you were hoping to avoid — adjudicating each request and visit separately — your wife and her friend will soon grow tired of it as well.

Dear Miss Manners: I spent a year in England as a transfer college student.

I met a nice guy and I’m planning to move there to be with him.

The only thing is, he has requested more than once that I start using their lingo instead of the typical American phrasing. Like saying “loo” instead of “bathroom” or “lift” instead of “elevator.” That kind of thing.

He said some English people he knows have an unfavorable view of Americans and it makes me stick out in a negative way. What do you think?

Gentle reader: That it would be helpful to know what the English gentleman thinks before committing yourself to him. Is it pride in his nationality? Or shame at yours?

Miss Manners would consider it reasonable of him to expect you to use the language of the country you are visiting. But if he is embarrassed at your being an American, and is choosing to cater to the prejudices of others, you should reconsider.

Dear Miss Manners: I like to wear pretty stick-on nails with patterns and designs on them. What do I do when someone grabs my hand and looks close-up at the designs? I truly don’t know what to say or how to take my hand back when someone has grabbed it.

Gentle reader: Scream from the shock of it. If that does not scare someone off from harshly grabbing you, Miss Manners suggests that a handful of wayward press-ons might.

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

Huggies aren’t just diapers anymore



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I recently got an unsolicited email in my inbox with one word in the subject line: “Huggies!” I thought maybe the sender had me confused — perhaps with a new mother? The only thing I knew about Huggies was that’s a name for disposable diapers. But the text described “timeless and trendy huggies that are sure to up your earscape game.” What is this about and what is an “earscape?”

— Olivia M.

Dear Olivia: I too was puzzled when, reading a fashion magazine, I saw that the model’s “huggies” were mentioned in the fine print caption. I’ve since learned that huggies are small hoop earrings that hug the earlobe. In other words, they do not hang below the lobe like many hoop earrings. What’s the big deal? Some find them more comfortable for talking on the phone (and sleeping), and if your pierced ear hole is enlarged from years of phone calling (mine are), they can prevent further drag and, sometimes, conceal the extended (unsightly) hole. (You can also get huggies for unpierced ears.)

As for the earscape — that’s a made-up word to describe the ear area which men and women with multiple piercings decorate with a changing array of small earrings.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I see pictures in magazines and ads of women doing a “French tuck” with their shirts. When I try to duplicate the style, I look sloppy and like I forgot to tuck my shirt in all the way. What’s the secret to making a



Huggies are small hoop earrings that hug the earlobe. They are also available for unpierced ears. **DREAMSTIME**

French tuck look effortless and “right?”

— Amy G.

Dear Army: You’re not alone in thinking the French tuck is a sloppy look. Basically, it is tucking in our shirt halfway — usually leaving the back and, perhaps, one or both sides untucked. I’d never heard of it until I saw stylist Tan France on the Netflix show “Queer Eye” promoting it. The internet and YouTube are filled with how-tos and videos on “mastering” the look. But ... some of us old-school types agree that this is an unmade bed look. A half-measure for those who want to give it a try: Tuck your shirt in normally, then yank it out a bit to blouse it slightly over your waistband. The added benefit of blousing your shirt is it can conceal a bit of blub visible over your waistband if the shirt is tucked in tightly.

Angelic Readers

There were many recommendations for the reader who asked for help finding products for the woman who complained about her very fine, thin hair. Daria M. writes, “Two products I have used for the past several years are standouts. Both are R + Co. I use the Dallas Thickening Spray (randco.com, amazon.com, \$29) and the Rodeo Star Thickening Style Foam (mousse) (randco.com, \$32). They are not cheap but they work really well, you don’t need to use a lot of product, plus they smell great!” Susan E., a hairstylist for 48 years who has fine hair, favors Rusk Volumizing Mousse (amazon.com, \$18).

Marcia M. uses Redken Stay High 18 but it recently was discontinued. The manufacturer recommends Redken Guts 10 Volume Spray Foam as a substitute (ulta.com, \$21; amazon.com, \$19.95). Anita W. writes that Oribe’s Grandiose Hair Plumping Mousse resolved her flat, thin hair woes (oribe.com, amazon.com, \$39).

Reader Rant

From Barbara E.: “Fabric prints. They’re all awful! Whether it be a darling dress design, attractive style of tops, and/or especially bathing suits! UGLY floral prints and patterns are hideous! I want to spend my money on attractive and striking attire as I once did. It’s virtually impossible!”

Now it’s your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangezellen@gmail.com.

MY PET WORLD

What to do when the ‘quick’ is at the end of the nail

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Cathy: I have a 55-pound male mixed German shepherd/border collie. The dog gets groomed every four weeks. He doesn’t get his nails trimmed. For some reason, the quick is very close to the end of his nails, especially on his front paws. If we walk him on a long walk, about a mile, his quick will bleed. We walk him on the sidewalk next to grass so he can do his business. If we shorten the walk, there is no issue. I have shown this to my vet. The only resolution we can come up with is for him to wear dog socks to protect his feet. Any suggestions?

— Ben, Cooper City, Florida

Dear Ben: Dogs and cats need regular nail trims to keep the quick from growing out. When they don’t receive frequent nail trims, their quicks grow to the end of the nail, making it difficult to cut their nails without causing pain and bleeding.

There are only two solutions at this point. One is for your vet to anesthetize your dog and cut his nails, so the quick is cut back to a good starting point again. Then maintain regular nail trims with every four-week grooming session.

The other option is to gently clip/file his nails every few weeks so the quick can recede on its own. It helps if you can file or Dremel the shiny surface part of the nail, but not every dog will tolerate that process. If your dog does, though, that’s great because the filing or Dremel action will cause the nail to dry out more quickly, causing the quick to recede faster. Faster is a relative term in this case since this process can take many months before you see results.

Since you take your dog to a groomer, I would ask them to begin removing



If dogs and cats don’t get frequent nail trims, their quicks grow to the end of the nail, making it difficult to cut their nails without causing pain, writes Cathy M. Rosenthal. **DREAMSTIME**

little amounts of the nail each time. They won’t be able to clip the nails, but maybe they can file 1/16 of an inch off to begin the push-back process. If after a few months you don’t see much progress, then anesthetizing your dog may be your only option.

In the meantime, there are nail tips you can buy, which are typically used when dogs are scratching themselves or other things in the home. But you can try them to see if it helps your dog when he is walking.

Keep walking him on the sidewalk, as that helps file his nails, and take him

for shorter walks until you see some progress with the quick. If you have floors only throughout the home, put place small carpets in areas where he likes to lay, so his paws have something to grip when he gets up off the floor.

Dear Cathy: I have two male kittens that are around 14 to 15 weeks old. I would say they are bonded, but I have been thinking of giving one to someone since it has been hard to find a place to live with two. They do sleep together, but is there any possibility they could be separated?

— Talan, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

Dear Talan: I am so glad you are thinking about the impact this decision will have on your felines. People often think cats like to be alone, but they are actually social animals who often want to be in the company of other felines.

If your cats had lived together for many months or years, I would say please leave them together; a sudden separation could cause behavior issues and depression for both cats. They would suddenly feel lost without the other. To

them, it would feel as if the other one had died. For this reason, animal shelters and rescue groups work very hard to place bonded pairs together.

Since they are both still kittens (under 6 months), they will likely adjust more easily to being separated. They will still miss each other, but they tend to adjust better at this age to new life circumstances. (Like humans, change is easier to handle in our youth.)

Having said that, I am a big advocate of having at least two pets, so they have a companion when

you’re not home. So, before you decide, call around to potential rental spaces to determine their policies on having two cats. Most rentals accept two pets these days. It’s when you have three pets or more that you usually begin having problems renting a home with pets.

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CELEBRITIES

Buble wants shows to ‘have an arc’

By Rodney Ho
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Michael Buble is a cinephile, so when he had a chance to create a music video for his new song “I’ll Never Not Love You,” he decided to go all out, re-creating scenes from many of his favorite films.

He covers Humphrey Bogart’s Rick Blaine in “Casablanca,” Tom Cruise’s Jerry Maguire in the film of the same name, Leo DiCaprio’s Jack in “Titanic,” and Andrew Lincoln’s Mark in “Love Actually.” His actor wife Luisana Lopilato pairs off with him in every scene. His favorite to replicate was 1987’s “The Princess Bride,” when Westley rolls down the hill and Buttercup follows.

Buble admits the video, seen 4.7 million times on YouTube since its release in February, was not cheap to make. “It was an ambitious project,” he said recently ahead of the Monday kick off the U.S. leg of his “Higher” tour in Georgia.

“I just had so much belief in the song,” Buble said. “And the video comes from my basic reverence and admiration for cinema. We go to the theater as cynical adults. Then we let the lights go down and allow ourselves to drop that cynicism and open the door to this sense of wonder. It allows us to drop those barriers and believe in magic again.”

Buble, the king of standards with his distinctly mellifluous voice, has also spent the past two decades assiduously creating stage shows that build an escape and sense of wonder. He’ll bring fans on stage to sing with him and cover a wide array of songs from multiple decades, from Frank Sinatra to Barry White to Olivia Rodrigo.

And while the set lists don’t tend to change from concert to concert once



Singer Michael Buble, seen May 15, will start the U.S. leg of his “Higher” tour Monday in Georgia. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

he’s on the road, he makes sure each night is different. “I sit on my phone and write patter, hopefully clever things to say between songs,” he said. “I want the show to have an arc. I want it to be the greatest show on earth.”

“Higher,” like his past albums, is a blend of originals and several covers, including a duet with Willie Nelson and a version of Paul McCartney’s 2012 song “My Valentine.” McCartney reached out directly to Buble to do the song.

“In my life,” he said, “I can now say I’ve gotten to work with many of my heroes like Tony Bennett, Sir Paul, Van Morrison, Celine Dion, Barbra Streisand. All these people have trusted me enough to trust me with their art or making art with me. It’s weird to me. I still feel like I’m 18 and working the clubs. I can’t believe it’s happening. I remember

Priscilla Presley getting to know me. She asked me to sing a posthumous duet with (her husband) with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (“Fever” in 2015). Having her support was mind-blowing.”

He said he tries to do that type of mentoring and support with up-and-coming artists himself. “This business has a lot of rotten parts to it,” he said, “but the one beautiful, positive thing is being secure enough in yourself and where you are to be able to lift someone else up.”

Aug. 7 birthdays: Actor John Glover is 78. Actor Caroline Aaron is 70. Actor Wayne Knight is 67. Singer Bruce Dickinson is 64. Actor David Duchovny is 62. Actor Harold Perrineau is 59. Pianist Marcus Roberts is 59. Actor David Mann is 56. Actor Greg Serano is 50. Actor Charlize Theron is 47. Actor Liam James is 26.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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Mom’s worrying about adult kids has a cost

Dear Amy: You often mention the need to exercise “compassionate detachment,” especially with adult children. I need advice on how to make that shift.

There is a saying that being a parent is like having your heart wander around the world without you. As a mom who is “only as happy as my most unhappy child,” I struggle with this all the time.

I have improved in terms of not offering unsolicited advice and comments, but I constantly worry about choices they make and feel their pain possibly even more acutely than they do (and often long after).

This is made worse by the fact that one of my adult children has significant mental health issues.

Do you have any techniques or books you would recommend that would help me develop compassionate detachment?
— Worried Mom

Dear Worried: Surely you remember the old Dunkin’ Donuts ad: “It’s time to make the doughnuts!”

Your adult children have a negative experience, and your mom-brain goes: “Ding! It’s time to make the doughnuts!” And you either fly into action or fall into worry mode (or both).

Developing loving and compassionate detachment is a process that involves a certain amount of realistic self-assessment. Some people are temperamentally more inclined toward worry than others.

It’s helpful to ask yourself what purpose your worrying serves. Does your fretting serve your children, ease their pain or soothe their wounds?

Does it make you (or them) stronger or more resilient? Does it make you a better person or parent?

No. Worrying diverts your mind and saps your strength. Worrying expresses a parent’s clutching desire to control the outcome, even when they know they can’t.

If you accept that other adults have the right to make choices — even bad ones — you will see that oftentimes the most powerful thing you can do is to abide with others through their challenges.

I often picture this witnessing process as holding hands and walking together — neither leading nor being led.

Letting go of your need to worry is liberating — even for the person you are worrying about.

And once you truly understand that you don’t have to make the doughnuts, you will experience your most tender relationships in a new way.

Teachers who will help you to work through these feelings and impulses are Pema Chodron, Brene Brown and Glennon Doyle. All have multiple books and video teachings available.

Dear Amy: Several years ago, longtime friends ghosted us. There was no argument that precipitated that occurrence.

I asked what was wrong and was told that she and her husband “have decided to travel alone because they are fuddie-duddies.”

We had vacationed together for years. They totally cut us off after this, and there has been no contact since.

A recent picture on

social media showed the spouse looking quite frail, as if they were on chemo.

I don’t know whether to reach out, or whether to let things stand.

What do you think?
— Ghosted Friend

Dear Friend: If you are connected with this couple on social media, then you have a channel through which to communicate.

Yes, I think you should reach out. You do not need to refer to the frail appearance of this spouse, but you could message them to say, “I just saw a picture of ‘George’ on FB, and it made me think of you and remember some of our times together. I hope you are both doing OK, and encourage you to reach out if ever you would like to be in touch.”

Dear Amy: Regarding the letter from “Proud Daughter of a Veteran,” the National Cemetery Administration (part of Veterans Affairs) has a new process to assist veterans, families, caregivers and survivors in planning for burials with military honors. Here is the website: www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility.

— Ted Wong, Branch Chief-CX Communications Sustainment, Veterans Experience Office

Dear Ted: Thank you! To clarify — this site helps families to determine eligibility. It is not necessary to register in advance of a veteran’s passing.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): A new way to earn money might be in your sights at present, but society might seem judgmental. Fear of that judgment could be blocking you from doing what’s actually right for you. Pay attention to who does support you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Asserting yourself is probably tempting today, but authority figures could seem to block whatever you want to do. Talking to your friends about any dilemmas you encounter can help you search productively for a solution. Look at the whole picture before reacting harshly.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Living in accordance with a restrictive system of rules could seem like the right thing to do today, but doing so can also leave you feeling frustrated. Perhaps it’s possible to follow a kinder version of authority. Try asking around, because somebody in your network knows something.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Finding comfortable boundaries in conversation with your friends at this moment could be difficult. If you’re craving depth beyond boring small talk, you can communicate a fair amount about your larger views on life without going into too many potentially conflict-provoking details.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Somebody you’re close with could seem to be holding you back. It might be hard to get them to admit what their grievance really is — perhaps because they’re having trouble being direct about their concern that you won’t uphold your end of a shared responsibility.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may crave adventure at the moment. Briefly checking in with your friends about fun things you can do in the future could lift your mood, even if carrying out your wishes won’t be possible for a little while. That being said, staying in can be more fun than you think!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Commitments to others could be weighing on your time right now, blocking you from any personal desires you’d rather be pursuing. While this is probably really frustrating, throwing yourself into your duties may have some benefits. You’re in demand for good reason.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting into an argument with someone close could be too easy at this time. Perhaps the underlying issue is that you lack security, making it probable that any issues aren’t really about the immediate irritation. You can help yourself by identifying what it would take for you to feel nurtured.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Conflicts over chores could arise from a miscommunication at this point. While you may want to keep responsibilities flexible to avoid hurting anybody’s feelings, what’s more likely to cause harm at this point is a lack of clarity. Come up with a system of rules that is fair!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Somebody might be trying to sweet-talk you into spending on a speculative investment, perhaps by leaning on your preexisting relationship with them to get you on their side. Keep in mind that you’d probably be the one bearing the consequences if anything went wrong.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to rain on a few parades in your home life today, as somebody else might want to do something risky that you have to say no to. Peer pressure can make this situation especially sticky. Being honest about your real complaint is likely to be more convincing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Speaking aggressively could be all too easy for you now. Before you go off on someone, try to stay aware of what’s really bothering you. Your hidden triggers may be closer to the surface than usual. Intentionally focusing on a more positive form of expressing yourself can lift your mood.

Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1990, President George

H.W. Bush ordered U.S. troops and warplanes to Saudi Arabia to guard the oil-rich desert kingdom against a possible invasion by Iraq.

In 2005, ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings died in New York at age 67.

In 2007, San Francisco’s Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron’s storied record.

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

CUBA CHAD LAOS
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CYPRUS SWEDEN

JUMBLE

TIRADE COLUMN
UPBEAT SOCKET
ORNERY INVOKE

The tabby that gave birth to such a large litter loved the whole —

“KITTEN” CABOODLE

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 7, 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into violence.

In 1942, U.S. and other allied forces landed at

ARTS&LiVING

Al-addin'

By Scott Hogan & Christina Iverson

Across

1. Blast that may invert an umbrella
5. Float on the breeze
9. Soft "Hey, you!"
13. Golf course rentals
18. To no __; fruitlessly
20. Actress Fisher who writes the "Marge in Charge" kids' books
21. Raise
22. Mythical hunter
23. Extremely harsh bubbly?
26. Gossipy sort
27. Terse
28. Sandra's "Speed" co-star
29. Toy on display, say
31. __ contact
32. "SNL" alum Gasteyer
33. Sprain soother
34. __ noire
35. Enjoy a long career as a telegraph operator?
43. First, second, or third place
46. Kick off
47. Nonetheless
48. Place for a stud
49. Italian fashion giant
52. Minute Maid brand
53. "Mice love it to death" brand
55. "Hey-o!"
56. To catch some rays or to sleep every day until noon, e.g.?
59. Deliberate
60. Yukon automaker
61. Target Field player
62. "Barefoot Contessa" host Garten
63. Cast a ballot
64. Chatter
65. Income from Birkenstock investments?
69. __ deco
72. Item often adorned with feathers
73. Item often adorned with feathers
74. "It makes sense now"
75. Apt name for a lawn care expert
76. "Word on the street is ..."
79. Chef's job?
83. Dull, in a way
84. Salsa option
85. Fútbol cheer
86. Angioplasty implants
87. Italian wine region
88. Triumphed
89. Entire range

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91. Misplace
92. Trying a new brand of ointment?
98. Bilingual cartoon explorer
99. Become unsafe to eat
100. Tarnish
101. Umami source, briefly
104. Intimate__
107. Utterly unskilled
110. Graffiti tag seen in Springfield
112.__ shot
113. Annual gala held on April 15?
116. For this reason
117. Commotion
118. Left dreamland

119. Christopher of "Superman"
120. Makes less strict
121. Enlightened sounds
122. Places to feel kneaded?
123. Flower holder

Down

1. Iowa wrestling legend Dan
2. Sunlamp danger, briefly
3. Hollandaise, e.g.
4. Bandleader Puente
5. Book of Shadows readers
6. Louisville Slugger wood

7. Criticism
8. Far from daring
9. Ride proudly
10. Fluid transitions
11. __ Antonio
12. "Fantastique!"
13. South Dakota's state animal
14. "Anyone else around?"
15. Marmalade chunk
16. "Rosanna" band
17. Catch
19. Maui neighbor
24. CNN's "This Is Life With Lisa __"
25. Put on a coat

JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt

Tribune Content Agency

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

To play: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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Unscramble these Jumbles,
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Instructions: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds. Crossing out common words.

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Comics that read top to bottom bring in new readers

Tapping into overlooked young, female audience drives explosion in web comics

By George Gene Gustines and Matt Stevens
The New York Times

For decades, the fans who powered the comic book industry made weekly pilgrimages to their local comic shops to buy the latest issues about their favorite caped-and-cowled adventurers. These Wednesday Warriors, named for the day that new installments typically land on shelves, still do. Voracious readers of printed comics, they skew older — and are mostly male.

But now all it takes is a smartphone, as the world of comics is reshaped by the kind of digital disruption that has transformed journalism, music, movies and television. Web comics have exploded in popularity in recent years, in part by tapping into an audience the industry had long overlooked: Gen Z and Millennial women. The stories they offer — of a young woman battling sexism in the world of esports or a romance-focused retelling of Greek myth — are mostly free and scroll vertically on smartphones, where readers younger than 25 live.

And they have minted stars from a new generation of creators.

“Even 10 years ago, I wouldn’t be doing this,” said Kaitlyn Narvaza, 28, of San Diego, who is known as instantmiso on Webtoon where her series “Siren’s Lament” has drawn more than 430 million

views. “We have these opportunities to share these romance stories as American creators — as American women authors and comic artists. We didn’t have those opportunities before.”

Webtoon, which originated in Korea in 2004 and is the world’s largest digital comics platform, said more than half of its 82 million monthly users are women.

The platform has attracted readers with hits that are a departure from traditional tales of good versus evil. In “Lookism,” a young, friendless man wakes up in a tall, handsome body; “The Remarried Empress” features a protagonist who is, well, remarried; “unOrdinary” centers on a teenager with a secret past that threatens to bring down his high school’s social hierarchy.

“Let’s Play” is about a young woman who wants to design video games. “It is a gaming comic with romance or a romance comic with gaming,” said its creator, Leeanne Krecic, who quit her job in information technology a few years ago to focus on comics.

She thinks readers relate to the main character’s struggles with career and dating. “The majority of American comics have been the hero story, which is great, nothing wrong with that,” she said. But “in Korea and Japan, they’ve been telling the romance story, the high school story.”



Kaitlyn Narvaza, seen July 2 in San Diego, is known as instantmiso on the platform Webtoon. The “Siren’s Lament” comic artist is among the creators who have risen to stardom in the world of digital comics. JOHN FRANCIS PETERS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Some digital comics have found broad success far beyond phone screens. Rachel Smythe’s “Lore Olympus,” which retells Greek myth like a soap opera and zeros in on the romance between Hades and Persephone, hit No. 1 on The New York Times bestseller list last year as a graphic novel. “Lore Olympus, Vol. 2” came out July 5 and is already a national bestseller. And other series with more conventional storylines of violence, horror and suspense, such as “Hellbound,” “Sweet Home” and “All of Us Are Dead,” were turned into hits on Netflix.

Traditional publishers have noticed the success of these digital platforms. Marvel and DC and Archie Comics have struck deals with Webtoon to produce original digital stories featuring some of their biggest characters.

But print comics are far from dead. In fact, their sales exploded during the pandemic, with so many

people bored and stuck at home. Experts estimate that total North American comics and graphic novel sales were approximately \$2.08 billion in 2021, a figure that includes the combined revenue of multiple legacy publishers, as well as their digital sales, which together totaled only \$170 million.

Ken Kim, Webtoon’s CEO for North America, said that successful digital creators understand that young readers — the platform’s target demographic — tend to want stories reflecting their lifestyles and dreams.

Tapas Media, another major web comics platform, says that more than 80% of its readers are between 17 and 25 and roughly two-thirds are women.

Some of its most popular series revolve around topics the current generation of young readers can directly relate to. Michael Son, Tapas’ vice president of content, pointed

to “Magical Boy,” a series featuring a transgender teenager discovered to be a descendant of a goddess.

“We wanted to get rid of gatekeepers,” he said. “The readers really directed what content directions we were taking. What organically popped up was a very young, very female-centric readership that was also reflected in the creator base.”

Digital platforms offer creators new paths to publish, sometimes with ownership of most — if not all — their intellectual property.

The money that today’s creators make is often modest — Webtoon said it paid more than \$13.5 million to its roughly 1,500 English-language creators in 2021, meaning most are in no position to quit their day jobs. But the most successful can do well: Webtoon said its top Korean creators can make in the range of \$250,000 a year.

Still, industry veterans

warn young up-and-comers to proceed with caution. Contracts should be carefully vetted before signing. And the weekly publishing schedule can be punishing for creators.

And some creators have not found digital platforms as good a fit. Veteran cartoonist Dean Haspiel, 55, published his comic “The Red Hook,” about a New York City superhero, on Webtoon in 2016. The series continued for more than four seasons but “didn’t get the kind of response that we wanted,” he said.

“Ultimately I started to understand that the Webtoon reading audience is a very different audience than the kind of comics I would produce,” he said.

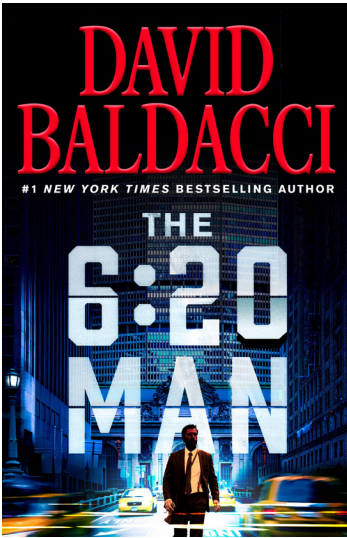
But many new creators are delighted to have a way to reach that audience.

“I’ve always been like, ‘The money is there, the readership is there, we are just tapping into it,’” Krecic said. “We found a gold mine.”

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. “**The 6:20 Man**” by David Baldacci (Grand Central) *Last week: 2*



2. “**Shattered**” by James Patterson and James O. Born (Little, Brown) *Last week: 3*

3. “**Portrait of an Unknown Woman**” by Daniel Silva (Harper) *Last week: 1*

4. “**The Liminal Zone**” by Junji Ito (Viz) *Last week: —*

5. “**The Hotel Nantucket**” by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown) *Last week: 4*

6. “**Berserk Deluxe, Vol. 11**” by Kentaro Miura (Dark Horse Manga) *Last week: —*

7. “**The It Girl**” by Ruth Ware (Scout) *Last week: 5*

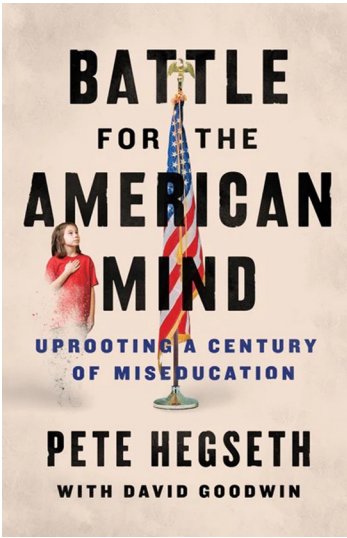
8. “**Sparring Partners**” by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 6*

9. “**The Measure**” by Nikki Erlick (Morrow) *Last week: 21*

10. “**The Last to Vanish**” by Megan Miranda (Scribner/Rucci) *Last week: —*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. “**Battle for the American Mind: Uprooting a Century of Miseducation**” by Pete Hegseth (Broadside) *Last week: 3*



2. “**The Big Lie: Election Chaos, Political Opportunism, and the State of American Politics After 2020**” by Jonathan Lemire (Flatiron) *Last week: —*

3. “**Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience**” by Brené Brown (Random House) *Last week: 6*

4. “**Killing the Killers: The Secret War Against Terrorists (Bill O'Reilly's Killing Series)**” by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (St. Martin's) *Last week: 8*

5. “**The College Scam: How America's Universities Are Bankrupting and Brainwashing Away the Future of America's Youth**” by Charlie Kirk (Winning Team) *Last week: —*

6. “**Finding Me: A Memoir**” by Viola Davis (HarperOne) *Last week: 13*

7. “**Defeating Big Government Socialism: Saving America's Future**” by Newt Gingrich (Center Street) *Last week: 15*

8. “**Modern Asian Baking at Home: Essential Sweet and Savory Recipes for Milk Bread, Mochi, Mooncakes, and More; Inspired by the Subtle Asian Baking Community**” by Kat Lieu (Quarry) *Last week: —*

9. “**The Return: Trump's Big 2024 Comeback**” by Dick Morris (Humanix) *Last week: 22*

10. “**Bake: My Best Ever Recipes for the Classics**” by Paul Hollywood (Bloomsbury) *Last week: 5*

For the week ended July 30, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide.

— Publishers Weekly

FICTION REVIEW

Hurricane nightmare engulfs family

By Colette Bancroft
Tampa Bay Times

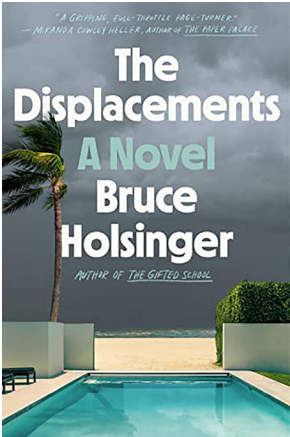
It’s the stuff of Floridians’ nightmares: a hurricane that blows up to unprecedented Category 6 strength just before it slams into Miami and renders the southern part of the state uninhabitable. Bruce Holsinger’s “The Displacements” begins in the not-too-distant future with just such a storm, Hurricane Luna.

Luna’s rapid intensification, the product of climate change, brings a surge that inundates Biscayne Bay and everything around it, 215-mph winds and, within the first two hours, 22 inches of rain. Miami Beach and much of Miami are simply gone. Lake Okeechobee bursts it banks again, flooding the Everglades with polluted silt. No one can even guess how soon the death toll can be calculated.

The evacuation order is massive but last-minute. As the then-governor explains in one of the “oral histories” scattered through the book, she delayed it because it would inhibit tourism and because “man oh man, the good people of Florida were so sick of the National Weather Service by that point, just done with Washington treating science like the Bible.”

That disdain for science leads to “four million Floridians decanted into the upper half of the peninsula in a single day.”

Stuck in the middle of that slow-motion evacuation are Daphne Larsen-Hall, her two young children, her 19-year-old stepson and the family dog. The day before, they were living in a 5,000-square-foot mansion in a gated community in Coral Gables, where Daphne worked in her ceramics studio while her surgeon husband, Brantley, earned the big bucks that paid for their golden life.



‘**The Displacements**’
By Bruce Holsinger;
Riverhead Books, 448 pages,
\$27.

When the order comes, Brantley rushes off to the hospital to help evacuate patients, telling Daphne and the kids he’ll meet up with them soon.

The family van runs out of gas before they get to Gainesville. And that’s when Daphne discovers how much trouble they’re really in: Her purse is missing. No cash, no credit cards, no phone.

Too broke to buy gas, even if the gas stations weren’t running out, the family joins a crowd trekking toward a nearby reception center at the county fairgrounds that’s processing the hurricane’s refugees.

Daphne tells herself it’s temporary, that they’ll regroup, get in touch with Brantley, be on their way home in a few days. But there’s no home to go to, and no resources to go elsewhere. Instead they’re put on a bus for one of the 18 Federal Emergency Management Agency megashelters around the country.

The megashelter is in Oklahoma, on a former experimental agriculture site called Tooley Farms. The woman in charge of managing its 10,000 inhabitants is Rain Holton, a disaster assistance engineer for FEMA. Rain

is a no-nonsense Army veteran, and she knows from experience just how much crap she’ll have to put up with because she’s a Black woman in a position of authority.

When Daphne and her family get to Tooley Farms, they have their own tent and bedding, orderly meal-times and donated clothes and toiletries. Despite their shock and loss, most residents of the camp try to make the best of things, at least at first.

But where there are vulnerable people, there are predators. Back in Houston, Tate Bondurant was a smooth-talking insurance agent with a sideline in selling opioids. Just before Luna hit, his mule, a charismatic rock musician named Jessamyn, delivered a car packed with a new drug called wildfire, “with ten times the potency of oxycontin.” Tate figures his Russian suppliers won’t be able to find him in the shelter under a fake name, and he can sell the drugs and keep the payoff for himself.

Daphne’s family will be affected by Tate and Jessamyn in unexpected ways. Daphne’s kids, Gavin and Mia, who are obnoxiously entitled as the book begins, will go through changes, as will Daphne herself. And much will be revealed about the missing Brantley.

The centering of the Larsen-Halls raises questions — in disasters like Luna, low-income people and people of color bear the brunt of loss and suffering, but in “The Displacements” they’re supporting characters.

But, as a Puerto Rican sociologist explains in another one of the book’s oral histories, “Call it the catastrophe of whiteness. You want the world to pay attention to your story, you make it all about white people in peril. Works every time.”

Hartford Courant

SPORTS


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COMMENTARY

Ruelas will get to show off his record-setting leg for UConn

STORRS — This is the story of a placekicker who could have punted on his dream school, but didn't.

Noe Ruelas kicked his way from Hall High in West Hartford to UConn with a series of long field goals in 2019, including a CIAC-record 56-yarder to beat Simsbury. A few months after he committed, Ruelas learned Joe McFadden, a five-star kicking recruit from Texas, was also joining the Huskies.



Dom Amore

"You really can't be disappointed," Ruelas said. "You have to understand at the end of the day, college football is a business, so you have to home in on your craft and do the best you can. I'm

committed to stay here."

Kicking is a fraternity of its own, but a football team needs one kicker at a time.

"Most kids would have considered transferring," Hall High coach Frank Robinson III said. "Noe never, for a second, wanted to transfer. We talked about it, and he was completely up for the challenge. When he didn't win the spot, he felt the same way, I'm

Turn to Amore, Page 6



Noe Ruelas, who has held the state record for distance field goals since his 56-yarder for Hall-West Hartford in 2019, will be UConn's kicker in 2022. **SHAWN MCFARLAND / HARTFORD COURANT**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



Referee Dee Kantner gives Louisville coach Jeff Walz a technical foul during a game against Nebraska in 2018. Kantner, a veteran referee of women's games who works for multiple conferences, finds it frustrating to have to justify equal pay. "If I buy an airline ticket and tell them I'm doing a women's basketball game they aren't going to charge me less," she said. **TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP**

NCAA grapples with pay inequity for women's refs

By Doug Feinberg | Associated Press

The NCAA earned praise last year when it agreed to pay referees at its men's and women's basketball tournaments equally. The gesture only cost about \$100,000, a tiny fraction of the roughly \$900 million networks pay annually to broadcast March Madness.

Now, as the NCAA examines various disparities across men's and women's sports, pressure is rising to also pay referees equally during the regular season. Two Division I conferences told Associated Press they plan to equalize pay, and another is considering it. Others are resisting change, even though the impact on their budgets would be negligible.

"The ones that are (equalizing pay) are reading the writing on the wall," said Michael Lewis, a marketing professor at Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

The details of NCAA referee pay are closely guarded, but Associated Press obtained data for the 2021-22 season that show 15 of the NCAA's

largest — and most profitable — conferences paid veteran referees for men's basketball an average of 22% more per game.

That level of disparity is wider than the gender pay gap across the U.S. economy, where women earn 82 cents for every dollar a man earns, according to the 2020 census. And it is an overwhelming disadvantage for women, who make up less than 1% of the referees officiating men's games.

Dawn Staley, the head coach for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks — the women's national champions — said referees

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PATRIOTS

A dream come true for Seymour

By Jim McBride
Boston Globe

CANTON, Ohio — Richard Seymour's draft night wish didn't come true — but his dreams sure did.

Raised in the South, Seymour was hoping to get selected by a team in the Sun Belt. Instead, he wound up in New England with Bill Belichick, who plucked the Georgia defensive lineman with the sixth overall pick in 2001.

"I knew exactly where I wanted to play — someplace warm. The Lord answered that prayer and sent me south of the Mass. Pike," Seymour said with a chuckle Saturday during his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction speech at Tom Benson Stadium. "It was one of the luckiest breaks of my life."

He remembered that rookie season, carrying equipment and going on Dunkin' Donuts runs for the veterans, but he never thought of them as chores.

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Richard Seymour, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2022, receives his gold jacket during the gold jacket dinner in Canton, Ohio, on Friday. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP**


YANKEES

Holmes' recent struggles show a need to consider options for closing games

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

ST. LOUIS — The frustrating thing for the Yankees on Friday night was that Clay Holmes was starting to look like himself again. The closer who was dominant in the first half of the season has now allowed runs to score in back-to-back appearances and blown the lead in four of his last 10 appearances. Friday night, however, he seemed to have the command of his sinker back only to get burned by Paul DeJong's double to right field.

"Yeah, I definitely felt a lot better out there, but at the end of the day, two runs scored and that's really the only thing that matters," Holmes said after the Yankees' 4-3 loss to the Cardinals at Busch Stadium. "Nights like this, I guess, are kind of tough — especially when you do feel pretty good. You've got to make the most of those, especially with



Up next
Who: New York Yankees at St. Louis Cardinals. **When:** 2 p.m. today; **TV:** YES **Radio:** 97.9

the one-run lead."

This is the first stretch of struggles Holmes has had with the Yankees since they acquired him at the trade deadline in 2021. He worked his way into the closer role with his ridiculously good start to the season. Through his first 38 appearances, Holmes had allowed two earned runs with six walks and 40 strikeouts. Before Saturday night's game, he had allowed nine earned runs and walked six in his last 7 1/2 innings pitched over eight appearances.

The Yankees bullpen, which was brilliant to start the season, has taken some hits. Aroldis Chapman has struggled. Chad Green and Michael King, who had an All-Star-worthy first half, are both



Yankees relief pitcher Clay Holmes pauses on the mound after giving up a two-run double to the Cardinals' Paul DeJong in the eighth inning Friday in St. Louis. **JEFF ROBERSON/AP**

lost for the rest of the year with injuries.

Still, the Yankees' bullpen has the second-lowest ERA (2.93) in the majors and batting average against (.208), both behind the Astros.

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RED SOX COMMENTARY

Release of Bradley a sign of tough times on horizon

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

The Red Sox seem to be using the term "roster configuration" a lot these days.

After they released Jackie Bradley Jr., the only above-average defensive outfielder on their active roster, manager Alex Cora went on WEEI and said the decision was about "roster configuration."

As ridiculous as it sounds, the fact is the Red Sox decided that Jaylin Davis, a 28-year-old with just 33 career big league games and a .247 average in Worcester, was going to help them more than Bradley, a Gold Glove center fielder who, despite his road struggles, is hitting .288 with 14 doubles in 45 games at Fenway Park.

It's hard to make sense of the move, but regardless, it brings up some important conversation topics.

Was roster configuration at the core of the decision to trade



Up next
Who: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals. **When:** 2p.m. today **TV:** NESN. **Radio:** 1080.

Christian Vazquez to the Astros, a team that the Sox will almost certainly have to get through if they're going to make a Cinderella run toward capturing the American League pennant?

Get real.

That decision was about stockpiling prospects, and not elite ones, but depth guys who will fall into the teens and 20-somethings of the Sox's prospect rankings.

It's the same reason they acquired Bradley in the first place. The Red Sox were so interested in shedding his salary that they threw in a couple of fringe-level prospects to get it done.

The idea to upgrade the outfield defense was a good one;

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Patriots: Preseason: Giants, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Patriots, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: at Eagles, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Red Sox: at Royals, Sunday, 2 p.m.; Atlanta, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: at Cardinals, Sunday, 2 p.m.; at Mariners, Monday, 10 p.m.; at Mariners, Tuesday, 10 p.m.
Mets: Atlanta, Sunday, 4 p.m.; Cincinnati, Monday, 7 p.m.; Cincinnati, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Reading, Sunday, 5 p.m.; at Somerset, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Somerset, Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Sun: at Sky, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Sparks, Tuesday, 10:30 p.m.; at Sparks, Thursday, 10:30 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: Indy, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Miami, August 20, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, August 24, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

ACTION SPORTS
Noon: Cornhole Johnsonville ACL Doubles World Championship. (Live) ESPN
Noon: Ultimate Disc U.S. Open Ultimate Championships. (Live) ESPN2
1 p.m.: Pickleball Manhattan Beach Championship Sunday. (Live) TENNIS
2:30 p.m.: Ultimate Disc U.S. Open Ultimate Championships. (Live) ESPN2
8 p.m.: Major League Pickleball. (Live) CBSSN
AUTO RACING
Noon: IMSA Sportscar Weekend. (Live) USA
3 p.m.: NASCAR Cup FireKeepers Casino 400. (Live) USA
3:30 p.m.: IndyCar Big Machine Music City Grand Prix. (Live) NBC
BASEBALL
1:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
2 p.m.: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080.
2 p.m.: New York Yankees at St. Louis Cardinals. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9.
3 p.m.: Little League Mountain Regional: Wyoming vs. Utah. (Live) ESPN
3:30 p.m.: Perfect Game Youth. (Live) CBSSN
4 p.m.: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880.
4:30 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
5 p.m.: Little League Southwest Regional, Game 12. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Padres at Dodgers. (Live) ESPN
9 p.m.: Intermediate Final. (Live) ESPN2
BASKETBALL
1 p.m.: Connecticut Sun at Chicago Sky. (Live), ABC.
1 p.m.: Israel at Auburn. (Live) SEC
3 p.m.: WNBA Aces at Storm. (Live) ABC
EQUESTRIAN
1:30 p.m.: Saratoga Live. (Live) FS1
GOLF
8 a.m.: AIG Women's Open Final Round. (Live) USA
Noon: AIG Women's Open Final Round. (Live) NBC
1 p.m.: Wyndham Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Wyndham Championship, Final Round. (Live) CBS
3 p.m.: Shaw Charity Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: Utah Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
LACROSSE
1 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Team Johansen (Purple) vs. Team Colson (Blue). (Live) ESPNU
3:30 p.m.: Athletes Unlimited Team (Apuzzo) Orange vs. Team Moreno (Gold). (Live) ESPNU
OUTDOORS
10 a.m.: Sport Fishing Championship. (Live) CBSSN
SOCCER
2 p.m.: Canadian Premier League FC Edmonton at Atlético Ottawa. (Live) FSP
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: Senior League Final. (Live) ESPN2

METS 8, BRAVES 5

Lindor provides spark in DH opener

By Larry Fleisher
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Francisco Lindor doubled off the padding atop the outfield wall in center field to drive in two runs, Edwin Díaz put out a fire for the final two outs and the New York Mets beat the Atlanta Braves 8-5 Saturday in a doubleheader opener. The second game wasn't over in time for this edition.

Following consecutive walks to Brandon Nimmo and Starling Marte in the sixth inning, Lindor hit a drive against Tyler Matzek that bounced off the orange home run line and back into play just in front of Citi Field's home-run apple. Umpires originally ruled it a double, and that call was confirmed via replay.

Lindor was worried center fielder Michael Harris II might have a shot at grabbing the ball.

"If he goes up, he's got a really good chance of catching it," he said. "So I was just hoping that he would pounce anyway. I'm just happy with the results."

Lindor remained at 19 home runs this season, one shy of his total from all of last season. He had three hits, including an RBI single during a two-run first inning against Jake Odorizzi (4-4). His double stretched New York's edge to 5-0 and was part of his sixth three-hit game this year.

"I think that was a home run," manager Buck Showalter said. "Our guy (replay coordinator Harrison Friedland) said it touched the back black wall and then came back."

Pete Alonso raised his NL-best RBI total to 92 with a single, moving 10 ahead of St. Louis first baseman Paul Goldschmidt.

Jeff McNeil, James McCann and Marte contrib-



Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor hits a two-run double Saturday in the sixth inning of the opener of a doubleheader against the Braves in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

uted RBI singles as the NL East leaders improved to an MLB-best 30-9 following a loss and moved 4 ½ games ahead of the Braves.

Ronald Acuña Jr and Matt Olson hit RBI singles in the seventh for the Braves, who are 4-6 in the season series.

Olson and Robbie Grossman also had RBI singles during Atlanta's three-run ninth. Grossman's single prompted Showalter to call for Díaz, and he needed seven pitches to finish his 25th save.

Spot starter David Peterson (6-2) helped New York's seventh doubleheader get off to a good start by allow-

ing three hits in 5 ⅓ innings for his third scoreless start this year.

Peterson struck out five and walked three. He constantly got ahead of hitters, throwing first-pitch strikes to 14 of 22 batters.

"It's just kind of understanding the situation that we're in," Peterson said. "We have five great starters. Couldn't ask for a better rotation. So being that sixth guy is something I take a lot of pride in."

Peterson exited to a nice ovation after whiffing Olson on a changeup. Peterson also stranded Acuña at third to end the fifth after the star

slugger doubled and just slid in safely ahead of Marte's throw from right field.

"He was clearly on today and had some good stuff," Olson said.

After the opener, Peterson was optioned to Triple A Syracuse.

The left-hander began his outing by loading the bases when he hit Travis d'Arnaud with a pitch. On the next pitch, Grossman lined out to Lindor, and shortly after Peterson escaped, the Mets gave him a 2-0 lead.

Odorizzi labored through his Atlanta debut after being acquired from Houston. He allowed three runs (two

earned) and six hits.

Odorizzi fell behind half of the 22 hitters he faced and also committed a throwing error on a pickoff play that led to New York's third run.

Trainer's room

Braves: RHP Darren O'Day (strained left calf) began a rehab assignment at High-A Rome on Friday and threw 13 pitches in the fifth inning to earn the win. O'Day has been sidelined since July 12.

Mets: RHP Tommy Hunter (low back tightness) was placed on the injured list.



Yankees relief pitcher Aroldis Chapman, who missed six weeks on the injured list, has a career-high 4.81 ERA this season and has walked 17 batters in 24 ⅓ innings pitched.

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Yankees

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Yankees manager Aaron Boone was adamant that Holmes is absolutely capable of getting through this stretch, but the Yankees may need to give the big right-hander a little bit of a breather. With 46 appearances this season, Holmes is tied for the 10th most in the majors. The Yankees bullpen was built to use Holmes not strictly as a closer, but like they did Friday night in the eighth inning against the heart of a lineup, particularly against the right-handed hitters.

So the Yankees may need to consider their options for closing games.

Boone said Friday night he would have trusted Chapman to handle the ninth inning — and the bottom of the Cardinals lineup — if Holmes had gotten through the eighth.

"Hopefully, we all get rolling like we're capable of," Boone said of the bullpen. "Chappie's obviously built momentum. Hopefully, we'll get [Jonathan Loaisiga] going. Scotty [Effross] went in there and did a great job, and we have Lou Trivino. [Albert] Abreu's been throwing the ball really well. So we feel like we have a lot of options there."

"I'd love to get to that point where with Clay anytime there's that really tough righty lane, whether it's the eighth or ninth, if we can get everyone else kind of rolling we can get them in those best spots."

If Boone wants to back off Holmes in the ninth inning, he has some options.

While he professed confidence in Chapman, who missed six weeks on the injured list as the Yankees also tried to correct his delivery, the inconsistencies have been too much to imagine him closing big games down the stretch. The 34-year-old has a career-high 4.81 ERA and has walked 17 in 24 ⅓ innings pitched.

Trivino has 36 career saves with the A's, including 22 last season and 10 this year. Trivino's numbers scream 'stay away' in high-leverage spots, but they are deceptive. Scouts who watched him this year said he was the victim of the A's bad defense after trading Matt Chapman and Matt Olson this spring. He's looked good so far in his appearances with the Bombers.

Loaisiga, who came into this season as the heir apparent to Chapman, has been hit or miss this season. The right-hander has allowed 17 earned runs and walked 11 in 24 innings pitched, but has looked a little better since coming off the injured list after dealing with shoulder inflammation.

A less conventional, but more interesting option would be using rookie right-hander Ron Marinnaccio, who not only has allowed just one run in his last 18 appearances, but showed the right mentality when he bounced right back after a rough outing vs. the Royals.

Red Sox

from Page 1

the Red Sox were terrible at catching the ball last year, and it was a noticeable problem right on through October. The problem, of course, is that the Sox had to get rid of Hunter Renfroe in the process and never replaced his offensive production.

As of writing this, the Sox rank 29th in WAR (0.5) and 25th in OPS (.662) from the outfield position in 2022.

Roster configuration hasn't exactly been the Sox's strong suit.

The problems at first base have been well-documented — their .623 OPS at first base is worse than every team but Ben Cherington's Pirates, who are in a full-on rebuild — and the issues are only going to get deeper this offseason, when they're set to lose Xander Bogaerts, J.D. Martinez, Kiké Hernandez, Kevin Plawecki, Nathan Eovaldi, Rich Hill, Michael Wacha and Matt Strahm, among others, to free agency.

The prospect pipeline that Chaim Bloom has been trying to build is getting deeper but has few players who look like impact players in 2023. First baseman Triston Casas is the only one we can safely predict will make substantial contributions next season.

Which means this winter, "roster configuration" will once again be a phrase you'll hear a lot.

Bradley deserved better than to get his release in August, just after the trade deadline, though he'll likely sign on with a contending team in need of a defensive outfielder and require only the league minimum salary to do so.

He was an exemplary citizen since the Red Sox made him the 40th overall selection in the 2011 MLB draft.

He was a regular at charity events, an easy fan favorite, a dazzling sensation in center field and a streaky hitter who looked like Bryce Harper for three weeks each year, including in the 2018 AL Championship Series, when he



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earned MVP honors for his work against the Astros.

It's uncertain what happened to him over the last two years, when he's been among the worst offensive regulars in the game. Still, at a time when defense is being valued higher than ever before, there's a roster spot for Bradley on almost any team in the big leagues.

Just not the Red Sox, who evidently think they're good enough without him.

It's another hit to the fanbase, which has watched so many favorites go out the door since 2020. Mookie Betts, Andrew Benintendi, Eduardo

Rodriguez and Brock Holt join Bradley and Vazquez, among others who won a title for the 2018 Red Sox but are no longer in the organization.

Teams can't stay together forever. That's just the business. But last week's decisions to move on from Vazquez and Bradley are just the start of what could be a total makeover for the franchise over the next six months.

The window on this team's opportunity to compete is closing. And with it, some of the Red Sox' most beloved players are on their way out. Tough times ahead.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	70	37	.654	—	—	4-6	L-3	41-15	29-22
Toronto	59	47	.557	10 ½	+2 ½	6-4	L-1	34-21	25-26
Tampa Bay	57	49	.538	12 ½	+ ½	5-5	W-3	33-21	24-28
Baltimore	55	51	.519	14 ½	1 ½	7-3	W-4	30-20	25-31
Boston	54	54	.500	16 ½	3 ½	5-5	W-1	26-27	28-27

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	56	50	.528	—	—	4-6	W-1	30-24	26-26
Chicago	54	52	.509	2	2 ½	6-4	W-1	25-29	29-23
Cleveland	54	52	.509	2	2 ½	5-5	L-2	27-22	27-30
Kansas City	42	65	.393	14 ½	15	3-7	L-1	23-31	19-34
Detroit	42	66	.389	15	15 ½	3-7	L-3	25-29	17-37

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	70	38	.648	—	—	6-4	W-3	34-17	36-21
Seattle	57	50	.533	12 ½	—	5-5	L-1	27-24	30-26
Texas	47	59	.443	22	9 ½	4-6	L-1	22-30	25-29
Los Angeles	45	61	.425	24	11 ½	5-5	W-1	24-32	21-29
Oakland	41	66	.383	28 ½	16	6-4	W-2	17-33	24-33

BOX SCORES

N.Y. METS 8, ATLANTA 5

GAME 1	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Atlanta							
Acuna Jr rf	5	1	2	1	1	.269	
Swanson ss	5	0	0	0	1	.295	
Riley 3b	4	1	2	0	0	.299	
Olson 1b	4	1	2	2	1	.251	
d'Arnaud dh	3	1	1	0	0	.252	
Grossman lf	4	0	1	1	2	.400	
Contreras c	5	0	2	1	1	.258	
Arclia 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.243	
c-Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	1	.183	
Harris II cf	4	0	1	0	0	.289	
TOTALS	38	5	12	5	10		
New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Nimmo cf	3	1	1	0	1	.272	
Marte rf	3	2	1	1	0	.298	
Lindor ss	4	2	3	3	1	.267	
Alonso 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.278	
Vogelbach dh	2	0	1	1	0	.240	
b-Ruf ph-dh	2	0	1	0	1	.220	
McNeil 2b	5	0	2	1	1	.354	
Naquin lf	2	0	0	0	1	.204	
a-Canha ph-3f	2	1	0	0	0	.266	
Guillorme lf-B	5	1	2	0	0	.288	
McCann c	3	1	1	1	1	.182	
TOTALS	35	8	13	8	8		
Atlanta	000	000	203	—	5	12	1
New York	201	002	30x	—	8	13	0

a-struck out for Naquin in the 5th.
b-struck out for Vogelbach in the 6th.
c-struck out for Arclia in the 9th.

E: Odorizzi (1). **LOB:** Atlanta 12, New York 12. **2B:** Acuna Jr. (12), Arclia (6), Riley (33), Grossman (2), Lindor (17). **RBIs:** Acuna Jr. (27), Olson (270), Grossman (1), Contreras (28), Alonso (92), Vogelbach (40), McNeil (42), Lindor (377), McCann (12), Marte (49). **SF:** Lindor. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta (7[Rosario, Riley, d'Arnaud, Acuna Jr., 2, Grossman 2]; New York 5 (Ruf, Marte, Canha, Naquin, Alonso). **RISP:** Atlanta 4for 13; New York 7for 14. **Runners moved up:** Swanson, Contreras. **GIDP:** Arclia, McNeil. **DP:** Atlanta 1 (Swanson, Olson); New York 1(Lindor, McNeil, Alonso).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Odorizzi L, 0-1	4½	6	3	2	3	4	3.86
Matzek	1	2	2	3	2	4.01	
Elder	2½	5	3	3	0	2	5.48
NEW YORK							
Peterson, W, 6-2	5½	3	0	0	3	5	3.30
Lugo, H, 13	1½	2	2	2	1	2	3.67
Ottavino, H, 15	1½	3	0	0	0	2	5.30
Lopez	1½	4	3	3	0	0	2.73
Diaz, S, 25-28	¾	0	0	0	0	1	1.42

Inherited runners-scored: Matzek 1-0, Elder 2-0, Ottavino 2-1, Diaz 2-1. **IBB:** off Matzek (Alonso). **HBP:** Peterson (d'Arnaud), Odorizzi (Marte), Lugo (Riley), Elder (Canha). **WP:** Ottavino, Diaz. **Umpires:** Home, Jeff Nelson; First, Charlie Ramos; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Stu Scheuwater. **T:** 3:53. **A:** 37,790(41,922).

LATE FRIDAY: BALTIMORE 1, PITTSBURGH 0						
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Marcano lf	4	0	0	0	1	.256
Reynolds cf	4	0	1	0	0	.258
Gamel dh	4	0	1	0	1	.237
Hayes 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.247
Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	3	.213
Newman 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.278
Madris 1b	2	0	1	0	0	.197
a-Chavis ph-1b-1	1	0	0	0	0	.247
Mitchell rf	2	0	0	0	0	.125
b-Allen ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.209
Delay c	3	0	1	0	0	.300
TOTALS	32	0	6	0	6	
Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	2	0	1	.263
Rutschman c	2	0	0	0	0	.250
Santander rf	4	1	1	0	0	.259
McKenna rf	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Mountcastle 1b4	0	2	0	0	0	.255
Vavra dh	4	0	3	0	0	.462
Urias 3b	3	0	1	1	0	.248
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.193
Matee ss	4	0	0	0	0	.214
Phillips lf	4	1	0	1	2	.147
TOTALS	32	1	10	1	3	

a-flied out for Madris in the 8th. **b-flied** out for Mitchell in the 8th. **E:** Hayes (11). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 6, Baltimore 11. **2B:** Hayes (18), Mullins 2(25), Phillips (5), Santander (16). **RBIs:** Urias (37). **SB:** Reynolds (4), Rutschman (2), Mullins (24), Hayes (12). **S:** Urias. **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 3 (Newman 2, Hayes); Baltimore 6(Phillips 2, Mateo, Santander, Rutschman, Odor). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 0for 6; Baltimore 2for 15. **Runners moved up:** Rutschman, Urias. **LIDP:** Mountcastle. **GIDP:** Mitchell, Urias. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2(Cruz, Hayes, Cruz; Newman, Cruz, Madris); Baltimore 1(Urias, Odor, Mountcastle).

PITTSBURGH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Keller, L, 3-8	6	8	1	1	1	1	4.21
Banuelos	1	2	0	0	1	2	6.48
Ramirez	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.00
BALTIMORE							
Kremer, W, 4-3	6½	4	0	0	0	2	3.43
Perez, H, 16	1½	1	0	0	0	2	1.15
Bautista, S, 4-5	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.77

Inherited runners-scored: Ramirez 2-0, Perez 1-0. **IBB:** off Ramirez (Odor). **Umpires:** Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Ron Kulp; Third, Chris Conroy. **T:** 2:42. **A:** 25,613(45,971).

ON THIS DATE

1907: Walter Johnson won the first of his 417 victories, leading the Washington Senators past the Cleveland Indians 7-2.
1922: Ken Williams of the St. Louis Browns hit two home runs in the sixth inning of rout over the Washington Senators.
1923: Cleveland's Frank Bower went 6-for-6 with a double and five singles as the Indians routed the Washington Senators 22-2.
1956: The largest crowd in minor league history, 57,000, saw 50-year-old Satchel Paige of Miami beat Columbus in an International League game at the Orange Bowl.
1963: Jim Hickman of the New York Mets hit for the cycle in a 7-3 win over the St. Louis Cardinals at the Polo Grounds. Hickman's cycle came in single-double-triple-homer order.
1985: The strike by the Major League Baseball Players Association ended with the announcement of a tentative agreement. The season resumed

CHICAGO CUBS 4, MIAMI 0

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Rojas ss	3	0	0	0	0	.235	
Wendle 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.261	
Aguilar dh	4	0	1	0	0	.241	
De La Cruz rf	4	0	2	0	1	.212	
Bleday cf	4	0	0	0	0	.204	
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	1	.260	
Leblanc 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.391	
Diaz 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.175	
b-Cooper ph-1b1	0	0	0	0	0	.274	
Burdick lf	3	0	1	0	1	.167	
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	5		
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Ortega cf	4	1	1	0	1	.239	
Contreras dh	4	0	1	1	2	.253	
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	1	.248	
Happ lf	3	1	2	0	0	.277	
Hoerner ss	4	0	3	1	0	.298	
Schwindel 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.230	
Higgins c	3	1	2	1	1	.287	
McKinstry 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.040	
c-Wisdom ph-3b1	0	0	0	0	0	.221	
Morel 2b	2	1	1	0	0	.259	
a-Madrigal ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	.226	
TOTALS	33	4	10	3	9		
Miami	000	000	000	—	0	5	0
Chicago	000	121	00x	—	4	10	0

a-grounded out for Morel in the 6th.
b-grounded out for Diaz in the 7th.
c-popped out for McKinstry in the 8th.

LOB: Miami 5, Chicago 8. **2B:** Leblanc (3), Happ (27). **HR:** Higgins (5), off Lopez. **RBIs:** Hoerner (34), Contreras (42), Higgins (17). **SB:** Hoerner (12). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2(Bleday, Cooper); Chicago 3(Schwindel, McKinstry 2). **RISP:** Miami 1for 3; Chicago 2for 7. **Runners moved up:** Suzuki. **GIDP:** Suzuki. **DP:** Miami 1(Rojas, Wendle, Diaz).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lopez, L, 7-7	5	9	4	4	2	6	3.57
Brigham	2	0	0	0	1	3	4.70
Bleier	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.02
CHICAGO							
Smyly, W, 4-6	6½	5	0	0	1	4	3.97
Leiter Jr.	2½	0	0	0	0	1	4.53

Inherited runners-scored: Leiter Jr. 1-0.

LATE FRIDAY: ST. LOUIS 4, N.Y. YANKEES 3							
New York	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
LeMahieu 1b	3	1	0	0	0	.287	
1-Locastro pr	0	0	0	0	0	.240	
Judge rf	4	2	2	0	0	.300	
Carpenter dh	5	0	2	0	0	.325	
Torres 2b	4	0	1	1	2	.254	
Donaldson 3b	4	0	2	2	1	.223	
Benintendi lf	4	0	1	0	0	.305	
Kiner-Falefa ss	3	0	1	0	0	.276	
Trevino c	4	0	1	0	0	.264	
A.Hicks cf	3	0	0	0	1	.221	
TOTALS	34	3	10	3	4		
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Carlson cf	4	0	0	0	1	.244	
Edman 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.256	
Goldschmidt 1b3	1	0	0	1	0	.330	
Arenado 3b	3	2	2	0	0	.296	
Pujols dh	2	0	0	0	0	.228	
a-Gorman ph-dh2	0	0	0	0	2	.236	
O'Neill lf	3	1	1	1	1	.234	
DeJong ss	3	0	1	2	2	.146	
Molina c	3	0	1	1	1	.211	
Nootbaar rf	2	0	0	0	0	.223	
TOTALS	29	4	5	4	9		
New York	101	010	000	—	3	10	0
St. Louis	010	001	02x	—	4	5	0

a-struck out for Pujols in the 6th. 1-ran for LeMahieu in the 9th.

LOB: New York 9, St. Louis 7. **2B:** Donaldson (21), Benintendi (15), DeJong (5). **RBIs:** Donaldson 2(40), Torres (47), Molina (11), O'Neill (37), DeJong 2(13). **SB:** Judge (11). **CS:** Torres (3), Trevino (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4(Benintendi 2, Kiner-Falefa, Trevino); St. Louis 3(Molina, Nootbaar, DeJong). **RISP:** New York 3for 11; St. Louis 4for 8. **Runners moved up:** Carpenter. **GIDP:** LeMahieu. **DP:** St. Louis 2(Edman, Goldschmidt; Edman, Molina, Goldschmidt, Molina).

NEW YORK	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cortes	5½	1	2	2	4	4	2.57
Abreu, H, 1	1½	2	0	0	1	2	2.27
Effross, H, 1	1½	0	0	0	1	2	0.00
Holmes, L, 5-3	1	2	2	2	1	2	2.12
ST. LOUIS							
Hudson	4	3	3	2	2	4	2.20
Pallante, W, 5-4	4	0	0	0	2	3	3.03
Helsley, S, 10-13	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.61

Inherited runners-scored: Abreu 1-1, Effross 2-0, Pallante 1-1. **WP:** Abreu.

Umpires: Home, Jansen Visconti; First, Vic Carapaz; Second, Ed Hickox; Third, Jerry Meals. **T:** 3:19. **A:** 46,940(45,494).

Aug. 8. **1999:** Wade Boggs became the first player to homer for his 3,000th hit, with a two-run shot in Tampa Bay's 15-10 loss to Cleveland. Boggs already had a pair of RBI singles when he homered off Chris Haney in the sixth inning. **2004:** Greg Maddux became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 victories, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 8-4 victory over San Francisco. **2007:** San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron's storied record with one out in the fifth inning, hitting a full-count, 84 mph fastball from Washington's Mike Bacsik. Noticeably absent were Commissioner Bud Selig and Aaron. **The Nationals won 8-6.** **2016:** Ichiro Suzuki tripled off the wall for his 3,000th hit in the major leagues, becoming the 30th player to reach the milestone as the Miami Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 10-7. **2016:** Manny Machado became the second player in major league history to homer in the first, second and third innings, driving in a career-high seven

LATE FRIDAY: PHILADELPHIA 7, WASHINGTON 2

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Robles cf	3	0	0	0	1	.233
Garcia ss	4	1	2	0	1	.297
Voit dh	3	0	0	0	1	.227
Hernandez lf	4	0	0	0	0	.271
Ruiz c	4	0	0	1	1	.246
Thomas rf	3	1	0	0	1	.233
Hernandez 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.23

SCOREBOARD

SOCCKER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	2	9	45	40	15
New York City FC	12	4	6	42	41	21
CF Montréal	12	8	3	39	38	37
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	7	6	36	38	30
Orlando City	8	9	6	30	27	33
Columbus	7	6	9	30	28	24
Charlotte FC	9	12	2	29	28	31
Inter Miami CF	8	10	5	29	27	37
Cincinnati	7	8	8	29	37	42
Atlanta	7	9	7	28	31	34
Chicago	7	10	6	27	24	28
New England	6	7	9	27	32	34
Toronto FC	6	12	5	23	30	39
D.C. United	6	13	3	21	28	47

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	15	4	3	48	44	23
Austin FC	13	5	4	44	47	28
Minnesota United	10	8	5	35	35	30
FC Dallas	9	7	8	35	33	26
Real Salt Lake	9	7	7	34	30	29
Nashville	8	7	9	33	30	30
Seattle	10	12	2	32	31	29
Portland	7	6	11	32	40	36
LA Galaxy	9	10	3	30	30	28
Vancouver	8	10	6	30	27	39
Colorado	7	9	6	27	30	33
Houston	7	13	4	25	29	37
San Jose	5	10	8	23	36	42
Sporting KC	5	14	5	20	19	46

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 2, Seattle 1
Chicago at Charlotte FC, late
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, late
New York City FC at Columbus, late
N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United, late
Miami at CF Montréal, late
New England at Orlando City, late
Toronto FC at Nashville, late
LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, late
San Jose at Austin FC, late
Minnesota at Colorado, late
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, late
FC Dallas at Portland, late

WEDNESDAY, ALL-STAR GAME
Allianz Field, St. Paul, Minn.
MLS Stars vs. Liga MX Stars, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Orlando City at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
New York City FC at Miami, 8p.m.
Sporting KC at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9p.m.
San Jose at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
CF Montréal at Houston, 9p.m.
Vancouver at LA Galaxy, 10p.m.
Charlotte FC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Minnesota at Nashville, 9p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16
D.C. United at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULT
Vancouver 2, Houston 1

U.S. OPEN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP, Sept. 7
Sacramento Republic (USLC) at Orlando City, at Exploria Stadium, 8p.m.

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	6	1	7	25	34	14
San Diego	7	3	4	25	20	11
Houston	6	4	3	21	24	16
OL Reign	5	3	6	21	15	12
Chicago	5	3	5	20	20	17
Kansas City	5	4	4	19	14	16
Angel City	5	5	2	17	12	14
Orlando	3	5	5	14	14	28
Louisville	2	6	7	1	16	22
Gotham FC	4	7	0	12	9	22
Washington	1	5	9	12	15	19
North Carolina	2	5	4	10	20	22

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Kansas City at San Diego, 5p.m.
Gotham FC at Chicago, 6p.m.
Houston at OL Reign, 6p.m.
Angel City at Orlando, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at Washington, 7:30p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Louisville at Houston, 8:30p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Kansas City at North Carolina, 8p.m.
Orlando at San Diego, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 1, Louisville 1
North Carolina 3, Portland 3

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Newcastle	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Bournemouth	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fulham	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Man City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Ham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leicester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolverhampton	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Everton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Notting. Forest	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Southampton	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Fulham 2, Liverpool 2
Bournemouth 2, Aston Villa 0
Leeds 2, Wolverhampton 1
Newcastle 2, Notting. Forest 0
Tottenham 4, Southampton 1
Chelsea 1, Everton 0

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Leicester vs. Brentford, 9a.m.
Man United vs. Brighton, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Man City, 11:30a.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Aston Villa vs. Everton, 7:30a.m.
Arsenal vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Newcastle, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Southampton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Fulham, 10a.m.
Brentford vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Notting. Forest vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 15
Liverpool vs. Crystal Palace, 3p.m.

WNBA	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	24	8	.750	—
x-Connecticut	22	10	.688	2
x-Washington	20	13	.606	4½
Atlanta	14	18	.438	10
New York	13	18	.419	10½
Indiana	5	28	.152	19½

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Las Vegas	22	10	.688	—
x-Seattle	20	12	.625	2
Dallas	15	16	.484	6½
Phoenix	13	19	.406	9
Minnesota	12	20	.375	10
Los Angeles	12	20	.375	10

x-clinched playoff spot

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana at Dallas, late
New York at Phoenix, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at Chicago, 1p.m.
Las Vegas at Seattle, 3p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 3p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7p.m,

MONDAY'S GAME
New York at Dallas, 8p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 88, Los Angeles 86
Chicago 93, Washington 83

NFL PRESEASON

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	11	27

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Las Vegas	1	0	0	1.000	27	11
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEEK 1 THURSDAY, AUG. 11
N.Y. Giants at New England, 7p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 7:30p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 12
Atlanta at Detroit, 6p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 7p.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:30p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Carolina at Washington, 1p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago, 1p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:30p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 8p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Diego, 10p.m.
SUNDAY, AUG. 15
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1p.m.

TENNIS

CITI OPEN
Saturday at William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center, Washington, D.C., hard-court, outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Andrey Rublev vs. Yoshihito Nishioka, late
Nick Kyrgios vs. Mikael Ymer, late
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#6Kaia Kanepi d. Daria Saville, 6-3, 6-1.
Liudmila Samsonova d. Xiyu Wang, 6-1, 6-1.

WTA MUBADALA SILICON VALLEY CLASSIC
Saturday at San Jose State Univ, San Jose, Calif., outdoors, hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Paula Badosa vs. #7Daria Kasatkina, late
Shelby Rogers vs. #9 Veronika Kudermetova, late

LATE FRIDAY
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Shelby Rogers d. Amanda Anisimova, 6-4, 6-4.

ATP ABIERTO DE TENIS MIFEL
Saturday at Los Cabos, Mexico, outdoors-hardcourt.
MEN'S SINGLES, FINAL
#1 Daniil Medvedev vs. #3 Cameron Norrie, late.

LATE FRIDAY
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1 Daniil Medvedev d. #4 Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6(0), 6-1.
#3 Cameron Norrie d. #2 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

WTA BCR IASI OPEN
Saturday at Baza Sportiva Ciric, Iasi, Romania, outdoors, Red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Panna Udvardy d. Maja Chwalinska, Poland, 6-3, 7-6
#3Ana Bogdan d. Darya Astakhova, 7-6(5), 6-4.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES FIREKEEPERS CASINO 400 LINEUP
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday at Michigan International Speedway Brooklynn, Mich.; Lap length: 2.00 miles (Car number in parentheses)

- (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 190.703 mph.
- (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 189.898.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 189.868.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 189.509.
- (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 189.449.
- (8) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 189.026.
- (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 188.724.
- (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 188.605.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 188.437.
- (10) (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 187.666.
- (11) (45) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 188.393.
- (12) (16) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 188.245.
- (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 188.137.
- (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188.053.
- (99) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 187.960.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 187.828.
- (17) (41) Cole Custer, Ford, 187.598.
- (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 187.573.
- (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 187.266.
- (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 187.193.
- (31) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 187.100.
- (1) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 187.003.
- (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 186.887.
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 186.766.
- (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 186.446.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 186.340.
- (21) Harrison Burton, Ford, 186.331.
- (28) (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 186.061.
- (15) J.J. Yeley, Ford, 185.553.
- (38) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 185.500.
- (33) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 185.209.
- (7) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 184.900.
- (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 184.630.
- (51) Cody Ware, Ford, 184.516.
- (77) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, 183.169.
- (78) BJ McLeod, Ford, 183.169.
- (38) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 183.127.

ODDS

MLB	SUNDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	-295 Washington
at Milwaukee	-275 Cincinnati
at Chi. Cubs	off Miami
at NY Mets	-146 Atlanta
at Arizona	-180 Colorado
at LA Dodgers	-152 San Diego

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Houston	-148 at Tampa Bay
at Detroit	off Cleveland
Toronto	-154 at Minnesota
Boston	-134 at Kan. City
Chi. White Sox	-146 at Texas
Seattle	-142 LA Angels

INTERLEAGUE	
at Baltimore	-164 Pittsburgh
NY Yankees	-124 at St. Louis
at Oakland	off San Francisco

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GOLF

PGA WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP		
Completed 2nd of 4 rounds, Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C., 7,131 yd; Par: 70		
Joohyung Kim	67-64-131	-9
Ryan Moore	65-66-131	-9
Brandon Wu	64-67-131	-9
Russell Henley	67-65-132	-8
John Huh	61-71-132	-8
Sungjae Im	63-69-132	-8
Anirban Lahiri	66-67-133	-7
Davis Riley	67-66-133	-7
Brian Stuard	65-68-133	-7
Brett Drewitt	67-67-134	-6
Satoshi Kodaira	68-66-134	-6
Blake McShea	69-65-134	-6
Andrew Putnam	70-64-134	-6
Martin Trainer	67-67-134	-6
Chesson Hadley	69-66-135	-5
Tyrell Hatton	68-67-135	-5
Zach Johnson	67-68-135	-5
Max McGreevy	68-67-135	-5
Matthew NeSmith	66-69-135	-5
Cameron Percy	65-70-135	-5
Alex Smalley	65-70-135	-5
Aaron Wise	65-70-135	-5
Ben Kohles	65-70-135	-5
Richy Werenski	70-65-135	-5
Keith Mitchell	68-68-136	-4
Taylor Moore	69-67-136	-4
J.T. Poston	66-70-136	-4
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	66-70-136	-4
Martin Laird	69-67-136	-4
Henrik Norlander	69-67-136	-4
Scott Brown	70-66-136	-4
Brian Harman	67-69-136	-4
Kramer Hickok	66-70-136	-4
Charley Hoffman	68-68-136	-4
Billy Horschel	67-69-136	-4
Kevin Tway	67-69-136	-4
Peter Malnati	64-72-136	-4
Lucas Glover	70-66-136	-4
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	72-65-137	-3
David Lipsky	68-69-137	-3
Lee Hodges	66-71-137	-3
Si Woo Kim	69-68-137	-3
Sam Ryder	67-70-137	-3
Will Zalatoris	71-66-137	-3
Yannik Paul	65-72-137	-3
Rafa Cabrera Bello	69-68-137	-3
Bo Hoag	68-69-137	-3
Harry Higgs	68-69-137	-3
Taylor Pendrith	71-67-138	-2
Luke Donald	70-68-138	-2
Ben Griffin	69-69-138	-2
James Hahn	70-68-138	-2
Kyounghoon Lee	67-71-138	-2
Scott Stallings	67-71-138	-2
Robert Streb	69-69-138	-2
C.T. Pan	68-70-138	-2
Adam Scott	68-70-138	-2
Nick Taylor	67-71-138	-2
Vaughn Taylor	69-69-138	-2
Jared Wolfe	68-70-138	-2
Stewart Cink	68-70-138	-2

SPORTS

NFL COMMENTARY

Bad boy owners get off with slap on wrist

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

After Donald Sterling’s racist ramblings were exposed to the world, the NBA moved quickly to banish him from the league. Sure, the forced sale of the Los Angeles Clippers made Sterling even richer, but it sent a clear signal that such behavior would not be tolerated, even from the guys with the biggest checkbooks. Then there’s the NFL, which seems content to let its bad boy owners slide with nothing more than a slap on the wrist, no matter how egregious the offense. Tampering with some of the game’s biggest names? Suggesting it would be a good idea to lose games intentionally? No problem, says the league which likes to throw around the word “integrity” at every opportunity — except when it really matters. In the eyes of Commissioner Roger Goodell, some mandatory vacation time, a fine that roughly amounts to loose change in the sofa, and surrendering a couple of draft picks should be enough to smooth things over. That’s exactly what Goodell imposed last week on Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, whose conduct was so reckless that it wouldn’t have been out of line to shove him out the door — or at least give him a gentle nudge. Of course, in its version of

the just-before-the-weekend news dump, the NFL brilliantly unveiled the case against Ross — and it’s quite a doozy — while most fans and pundits were fixated on what’s next for quarterback Deshaun Watson, who received a six-game suspension for multiple allegations of sexual misconduct during massages. The NFL appealed, which could have sent the case to Goodell for harsher, more appropriate punishment, but he timidly handed it off to an outside arbitrator. The Watson case is horrific. Ross’s shenanigans were also worthy of outrage. But Goodell would prefer we all just move along from a week of disturbing revelations and get to what’s really important: a season that conveniently began Thursday night with the Hall of Fame exhibition game in Canton, Ohio. Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain! The great and powerful commish has spoken! By now, it should be crystal clear to everyone that Goodell couldn’t care less about integrity as long as the league’s coffers — and his own — keep growing at a rate far ahead of surging inflation. Sure, he’ll swing into action when a player who hasn’t been with his team all season dares venture onto a casino app to place legal bets on NFL games. Never mind that the league has fully embraced sports gambling and

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has no problem cashing all the massive checks it brings in. Calvin Ridley’s wagering, which he readily admitted to with no suggestion that it impacted games, led to his suspension for at least the 2022 season and means the Atlanta Falcons receiver has no chance to receiving his \$11.1 million salary until he’s reinstated. Compare that with Ross’s case. Goodell issued a harsh statement, singling out “violations of unprecedented scope and severity,” but showed he didn’t have the stomach to actually back up his words with decisive action. Sure, the Dolphins will be hurt by the loss of a first-round pick next year and a third-round pick in 2024, but the remainder of the sanctions were laughable. Ross was fined \$1.5 million, which is roughly 0.018% of his estimated net worth of \$8.2 billion and a blip compared to the salary Ridley isn’t receiving. Ross also was suspended from his team through Oct. 17, meaning he won’t be around for the first six games of the regular season — at least 11 games fewer than Ridley’s banishment. Somehow, Goodell was able to justify the disparity of his punishments — maybe because his mind

is filled with nothing but dollar signs — even though the league determined Ross improperly negotiated with seven-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady and former New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton while they were working for other teams. “I know of no prior instance of a team violating the prohibition on tampering with both a head coach and star player, to the potential detriment of multiple other clubs, over a period of several years,” Goodell said. “Similarly, I know of no prior instance in which ownership was so directly involved in the violations.” The league’s investigation, which grew out of former Dolphins coach Brian Flores filing a racial discrimination lawsuit after his firing, was more vague about Flores’ accusations that Ross offered him \$100,000 per game to intentionally lose so Miami would get a better spot in the draft. While the league found that Ross never followed through on the alleged offer, he did express several times that draft position should take priority over won-loss record. Goodell — remember, he’s the guy who was so concerned

with the integrity of the game in Ridley’s case — appears to have totally brushed off Ross’s clear belief that tanking wasn’t a bad thing, comments that so disturbed Flores he passed them on in writing to senior team executives. Flores, now an assistant with the Pittsburgh Steelers, noted that Ross avoided “any meaningful consequence” even though — and it sounded like he was mocking Goodell here — “there is nothing more important when it comes to the game of football itself than the integrity of the game.” Of course, Flores and anyone else who has paid of lick of attention to the Goodell regime should have known that Ross would get away with it. Look no further than Washington owner Dan Snyder, who has faced numerous allegations of a toxic workplace environment without facing any significant punishment. In a league that truly embraced integrity, Snyder would already be out the door and Ross wouldn’t be far behind. But Goodell is sending a different message. Are you ready for some football?



Jets coach Robert Saleh said he wasn’t too concerned about a fight among players at the end of practice Friday, as long as they followed his one rule: no punching. **RICH SCHULTZ/GETTY**

JETS

Tempers running hot as training camp grinds on

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — It was a small scuffle at the end of practice Friday, one of those football skirmishes involving massive linemen near the line of scrimmage that gets broken up before there’s time to comprehend how it started. The important thing is everybody on the Jets abided by the rules. Or, abided by the lone rule. “One rule — no punching,” coach Robert Saleh said. “They’re going to push, going to shove. It’s going to happen. They’re sick of each other. They’re sick of hearing the same calls from the coordinator. I think everyone is sick of each other at this point.” The Jets have been together for 10 days at their practice facility for training camp, which followed a voluntary training camp at the same Florham Park location about two months prior. In between, quarterback Zach Wilson took some of his teammates on an Idaho retreat. They’re getting feisty. “We have one more week before we get to go to Philadelphia and see other humans,”

Saleh said. “But rule one — don’t punch. It’s a 15-yard penalty and you get ejected from the game. So even with all the scrimmages that happened today, I didn’t see a punch.” Beyond the restraining of fisticuffs, there have been some positive developments during camp — namely the defensive line’s ability to get to the quarterback — and another intrasquad scrimmage awaited Saturday night at MetLife Stadium. But Saleh is waiting for the preseason opener in Philadelphia on Aug. 12 before a big-picture assessment. “They’re so used to one another. Obviously, it’s all part of the evaluation. But they’ve seen each other enough since OTAs,” Saleh said. “The (preseason games) is when we’ll be able to see a lot.” In the meantime, the Jets will continue to battle each other. “You want to see that. You want to see that fight and competitiveness,” wide receiver Braxton Berrios said. “As long as everybody does it the right way, you can break it up and go to the next play.”

Mims’ last stand: Wide receiver Denzel Mims, who has been slid-

ing down the depth chart the past two years, said he has made some changes since losing 20 pounds last offseason from a bad case of food poisoning. Mims said he has since ditched fast food. He pointed to his arm muscle Friday to demonstrate the reward for eating healthier. “Because he’s so well-conditioned right now, he’s doing things with his body that he hasn’t been doing in the past,” Saleh said. “He’s come a long way, a long way. He’s still got more in the tank. But he’s much improved.” **Berrios’ new look:** Coming off his All-Pro season as a kick returner, Berrios added some bleach to his look. The 26-year-old went blond in the summer and said he’s sticking to it through at least the season. “I wanted something different. It was a fun camp thing at first, but then I grew to like it,” Berrios said. “And I think I’m going to keep it, at least for the season.” Naturally, Berrios has been teased a lot with Eminem references. “That’s all I’ve heard,” he said.

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“I felt like an intern, but I was happy to do it because in exchange, these generous men shared their experience and their wisdom,” said Seymour. “They taught me the nuances of the game.” Seymour found out about his call to the Hall when former teammate and longtime pal Ty Law, who also owns a gold jacket, paid a surprise visit to his house last winter. After being drafted, Seymour immediately helped galvanize the Patriots’ defense, playing a huge role in the club winning three Super Bowls in his first four seasons. Perhaps the 6-foot-6, 320-pound Seymour’s stats would be considered modest by some — 57.5 sacks in a dozen seasons, including 39 in eight Patriot seasons — but numbers never told Seymour’s story. His physical impact, however, most certainly did. He mastered every technique and spot on the line, allowing Belichick and his staff to come up with varying game plans from week to week that allowed Seymour and the pieces around him to shine. Routinely dispatched along the defensive front line to occupy two and three blockers and unclog lanes for linebackers, Seymour used a blessed blend of power and precision to get the job done. “I just knew wherever he was, it was going to be easy for a linebacker to be behind,” said Tedy Bruschi. “He could do it all. He made my job easier.” Matthew Slater, whose Hall of Fame father, Jackie, was on stage to see Seymour inducted, remembered his former teammate as “a dominant force” on the field and exemplary leader in the locker room. “His physical presence in our defense and the role that he played was so critical to everything that we did,” said Slater, who joked that his “hairline never recovered” from the rookie haircut Seymour gave him. “And God didn’t make very many guys like Richard Seymour to have that size

and athleticism and just the ability to impact the game the way he did. It was truly fun to watch.” Seymour, introduced by Titus Duren, his principal at Lower Richland (South Carolina) High, said “this day belongs to my family,” and thanked his former Patriots teammates (while taking a friendly jab at Tom Brady), Robert Kraft and Belichick. “Together, we were in constant pursuit of that edge,” Seymour said. “We called ourselves ‘The Edgers.’ That edge was our culture. You see, we felt a sense of responsibility to each other, a sense of obligation. None of us wanted to be the person to let the team down, to let our brothers down, and that defined us. We never cared who got the accolades as long as we got the W. ... We had a young quarterback, but we made it work.” Brady called Seymour’s enshrinement “a crowning achievement. ... I love Richard. [I’m] just really happy to be a part of some great teams with him.” Seymour called Kraft “The Godfather,” and one of the best owners in sports. “And of course, this wouldn’t have happened if it wasn’t for Coach Belichick. Coach, you’re the best coach in the game. The lessons that I’ve learned from you set me up for success, not just in the game, but in life,” Seymour said. “Work hard, be meticulous in your preparation, support your teammates, respect your opponents, and put the team first. Coach, thank you for everything you’ve taught me.” Kraft, who watched Seymour’s speech near the stage, said “it was really emotional and special,” and called him a “foundational piece of the beginning of this special run. ... He was so dominating. The defense really made the big difference in those early years, and he was the heart and soul.” Seymour spent his final four seasons with the Raiders and said, “Learning under the late, great Al Davis was an unexpected gift. Mr. Davis was a coach, commissioner and Super Bowl champion. But above all else, he was a great leader because he welcomed and listened to every voice.”



Longtime NFL defensive lineman Richard Seymour is congratulated by Patriots owner Robert Kraft during Saturday’s induction ceremony at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. **DAVID DERMER/AP**

SPORTS



UConn coach Geno Auriemma directs his team as official Dee Kantner follows play during a game against Central Florida in 2018. As the NCAA examines various disparities across men's and women's sports, pressure is rising to pay referees equally throughout the regular season — and three top conferences told The Associated Press they plan to make changes. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

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on the men's side should be "stepping up" and advocating for equal pay for women's referees. "They don't do anything different," she said. "Why should our officials get paid less for taking the (expletive) we give them?"

The people who provided AP with data for nearly half of the NCAA's 32 Division I conferences have direct knowledge of pay scales, and they did so on condition of anonymity because the information is considered private.

The Northeast Conference had the widest per-game pay disparity among the NCAA leagues AP analyzed, with the most experienced referees for men's games earning 48% more. The Atlantic-10 paid veteran men's refs 44% more, while the Colonial Athletic Association paid them 38% more. (Only the Ivy League paid veteran officials equally in the data AP reviewed.)

Of the conferences with unequal pay contacted by AP, two — the Pac-12 and the Northeast Conference — said they plan to level the playing field starting next season. A third, the Patriot League, which had a 33% pay gap last year, said it is reviewing equity for officials in all sports. "Pay is part of that," commissioner Jennifer Heppel said.

The Pac-12 paid referees equally a decade ago, but allowed a disparity to build over time, according to associate commissioner Teresa Gould. She said returning to equal pay is "the right thing to do."

NEC commissioner Noreen Morris said the decision to equalize pay was an easy one to make once it realized that basketball was the only sport where it was not compensating referees equally.

Relative to the amounts of money these leagues generate, the cost of bridging the pay gap can seem small.

For example, the SEC paid referees for men's games 10%, or \$350, more than those officiating women's games. Over the course of a season, it would cost the SEC a couple hundred thousand dollars to pay them equally — a sliver of the \$3 billion deal it signed with ESPN to broadcast all of its sports starting in 2024.

The most experienced Division I referees — for men's or women's games — are well paid. Some earn more than \$150,000 in a season, officiating dozens of games across multiple conferences. Newer referees earn far less, supplementing income from another job.

All NCAA referees are indepen-



UConn coach Geno Auriemma and associate head coach Chris Dailey react to a call made by a referee during a game against UCF in 2020. The Big East pays referees working its men's games 22% more than refs working women's games, and commissioner Val Ackerman said there is no imminent plan to make a change. **KASSI JACKSON/HARTFORD COURANT**

dent contractors, with no union representing their interests, and all have to cover their own travel expenses.

The busiest referees can work five or six games a week in different cities, running up and down the court for 40 minutes one night, getting a few hours of sleep, and then waking up at 4 a.m. to catch a flight to their next destination.

Dee Kantner, a veteran referee of women's games who works for multiple conferences, finds it frustrating to have to justify equal pay.

"If I buy an airline ticket and tell them I'm doing a women's basketball game they aren't going to charge me less," she said.

"Do you value women's basketball that much less? How are we rationalizing this still?"

Several conference commissioners said the men's and women's games do not generate equal amounts of revenue, and that the level of play is not equal, and so referee salaries are set accordingly.

"Historically we have treated each referee pool as a separate market," said Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman. "We paid rates that allow us to be competitive for services at our level. I think the leagues are entitled to look at different factors here. I don't see it as an equity issue — I see it as a market issue."

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Atlantic-10 Commissioner Bernadette McGlade said the market-based approach is what enables her to offer some of the highest per-game rates across the NCAA. "We get the most experienced, most qualified officials in

the country," she said.

Veteran referees officiating in the Atlantic-10 are paid \$3,300 for men's games, compared with \$2,300 for women's games, according to data reviewed by AP. Seven other conferences had higher per-game rates — and narrower gender gaps — last year, the data show.

Of the roughly 800 referees officiating women's basketball this past season, 43% were female, a proportion that's been relatively consistent over the past decade. But just six women officiated men's games last year — a number that has slowly grown over the last few years.

Penny Davis, the NCAA's supervisor of officials, said conferences are trying to recruit more women to officiate men's games, which is another way to help bridge the gender pay gap.

But Davis says she would hate to see even fewer women refereeing women's basketball. "We don't want to lose our best and brightest," she said.

A decade ago, referees working the men's and women's NCAA Tournament were paid equally. But as the profitability of the men's tournament skyrocketed, it's budget grew too — and so did pay for referees.

Both McGlade and Ackerman praised the NCAA for restoring equal pay at the March tournaments. "We're mindful of the what the NCAA did for the tournament," Ackerman said. "NCAA Tournament games are closer but not entirely a common officiating experience."

Ivy League executive director Robin Harris disagrees. "We decided a while ago that it was the right thing to do to pay them the same amount. They are doing the same job."

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going to keep working hard. I'm going to help UConn as much as I can.' He's the ultimate team player. He perseveres if things don't go his way and is never bitter."

McFadden proved to be as advertised at UConn, at least in the limited opportunities a kicker gets on a 1-11 team, going 19 for 19 on extra points and 12 for 17 on field goals. He, too, has been a vociferous cheerleader for the program through good and difficult times. But just before the start of the first practice in August, McFadden tore the ACL in his kicking leg and was lost for the season.

"He's a great teammate, a great competitor," Ruelas said. "He'll still help us watch film. He's a great kicker, and we'll bounce ideas off each other, technique-wise. He's a great punter as well, so he'll help out our punters, too."

Walking through the Shenkman Training Center, McFadden offered his encouragement.

"Noe's got a great attitude. He's super consistent," McFadden said. "Just take it one step at a time. If he goes out and does what he does, he's going to be successful, no doubt."

So coach Jim Mora arrived at UConn knowing he had one of the top kicking prospects in the country. He had no idea he had a backup with Ruela's background. Only last week Mora learned from state media that Ruelas had those 50-plus yarders on his high school resume.

"State record?" Mora said. "I hope he can make some of those for us. At the end of spring, I went to [special teams coach] Doug Shearer and said, 'Man, this kid can kick *anywhere*. I'm sure glad he's with us.'"

Ruelas played soccer growing up in Colorado, then as a freshman he tried out for the Broomfield (Colorado) High football team — and not necessarily as a kicker. "I actually played safety and wide receiver," Noelas said. "Then my coach was, 'Let's try kicking,' and I was pretty good at it."

Ruelas trained with Matt Thompson at One-on-One kicking and started going to the camps. He moved to West Hartford, where his family opened a restaurant, the Ocho Cafe, and two kickers with outrageous range showed up in town. Abe Ruelas, who now plays at the University of New England, and Noe.

Robinson saw enough in practice to send Noe out to try a 53-yarder against Glastonbury, then the 56-yarder against Simsbury, and he made them both. "He's definitely clutch on those deep field goals," Robinson said.

Then came the interest from college coaches.

"It's a dream. I always wanted to come to UConn and help them win and turn this program around," Ruelas said.

If UConn was in a fortuitous spot, with two solid kickers, Ruelas is in a good place, too. Mora, with his vast experience in the NFL, has coached some of the greatest to ever line them up, with Hall-of-Famer Morten Anderson, who comes up a lot in their conversations, at the top of that list.

"I look at the way they prepare," Mora said. "Morten used to use my office to watch film, so I was around him a lot, and the professionalism with which he went about his job was amazing. He was meticulous. He sent me information a few years ago on how he did things, which I try to pass on to kickers."

Mora, like most coaches, tries to simulate competitive pressure for his kickers with drills in practice, and Ruelas has been passing the tests.

The first thing is their demeanor," Mora said. "How do they handle the pressure of the moment? How do they come back from a miss? Look at their face, are they uptight or are they relaxed? I see a guy that's relaxed."

Ruelas stuck with it, and now, albeit in unfortunate circumstances, he'll get the chance to show off his big leg starting Aug. 27 in the high altitude at Utah State.

"I don't think any moment will be too big for him," Robinson said. "Because he's so calm. He's not worried about the pressure of it. He never was. I think he'll be just fine."

More for your Sunday read:

What's with UConn's nonconference schedule?

College basketball fans have been talking about cupcake schedules since the days Patrick Ewing's Georgetown teams played St. Leo's and Southern Connecticut. When the UConn men released the nonconference slate with home games against, in order, Stonehill, Boston University, Buffalo, UNC Wilmington, Delaware State, Oklahoma State and LIU, there was understandable grumbling given the elevated ticket prices.

So there is only one big-ticket nonconference home game, vs. OK State, Dec. 1, part of the Big East/Big 12 Challenge. In the AAC, there was greater need to schedule up for RPI/resume purposes. Now there are 20 Big East games, 10 at home, and with most major conferences moving in that direction there are fewer games to be had.

"We're bracing for a better Big East than we've seen the last two years," coach Dan Hurley said. "And you calculate that into what you're doing with your nonconference schedule. When you have 20 monster games, home and away, winning any game in this league is a bear."

The five "buy" games against mid-majors, Hurley said, are more challenging than in the past.

Five mid-majors, with Buffalo out of the MAC, is about par for the course. The program doesn't need a tougher nonconference schedule for competitive purposes; soon UConn could get a Big Ten opponent as part of the Gavitt Games. But it is healthy to get a marquee home game or two on the schedule early, if only to begin getting state fans geeked for the season. Those first five games? ZZZZZZZ.

Sunday short takes

■ Former East Catholic pitcher Frank Mozzicato, the No. 7 pick in the 2021 draft, got his first pro win in the Royals organization on July 29. His ERA (5.40) is high, but he has 60 strikeouts in 48 innings, and at 19, he is 2.7 years younger than the average player in the Carolina League.

■ Yankees GM Brian Cashman made one move too many before the deadline. Jordan Montgomery for Harrison Bader is a head-scratcher, even if a fifth starter is not a key ingredient for the postseason. There's no way of predicting when Bader, with plantar fasciitis, will be ready to play elite center field defense. If, as some speculate, a corresponding trade fell through, then, well, wow.

■ Not buying into the theory that teams don't want to trade with the Mets for fear of Steve Cohen's deep pockets. The Nationals weren't going to send Juan Soto within the NL East, and the Mets farm system is top heavy, with three top prospects, Francisco Alvarez, Brett Baty and Ronny Mauricio, but not the depth to make the kind of deals they may have wanted.

■ Now at center stage for UConn women: It's your time, Azzi Fudd.

■ When you see Aaron Judge's home run pace compared to Babe Ruth, Roger Maris, Barry Bonds, et al, you may wonder why you see Ruth's 1928 season. In 1927, Ruth hit 17 homers in September to chase down No. 60. In '28, he was far ahead of the record pace, hitting his 41st on July 23, but cooled off, by his standards, and finished with 54.

Summer reading

John Nogowski's new book, "Last Time Out: Big League Farewell's Of Baseball's Greats" is a compilation of 25 Hall-of-Famers' final games, such as Ted Williams' home run in his last at-bat in 1960. If you like baseball history, there'll be some fun stuff for you.

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Noe Ruelas, from Hall-West Hartford, will be on the spot, kicking for UConn in 2022. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

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SHORTS

Dodgers honor Scully with banner



Dodgers manager Dave Roberts ended a pregame ceremony honoring broadcaster Vin Scully by running the crowd through a chorus of Scully’s famous line, “It’s time for Dodgers baseball.” Scully, who called Dodgers games for 67 years and retired in 2016, died on Tuesday at age 94. Behind a beautiful blue sky, there was a moment of silence at Dodger Stadium on Friday for the lovable Scully, followed by a video narrated by Dodgers broadcaster Charley Steiner and accompanied by Israel “IZ” Kamakawiwo’ole’s memorable version of “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.” Dodgers and Padres players stood along the first- and third-base lines during the ceremony. When Scully called his last game at Dodger Stadium in 2016, he had a banner that hung from his booth that read: “I’ll miss you.” Scully told the crowd that he needed them far more than they needed him. His last visit to Dodger Stadium was on June 9, 2021. Later during the ceremony, the Dodgers gathered at the mound for a photo with the broadcast booth in the background. There was a new banner unveiled that read, “Vin, we’ll miss you.”

Liverpool trips, Tottenham impresses



While Liverpool made a stuttering start to the English Premier League, Tottenham showed it might be ready to take another step forward under Antonio Conte. Liverpool had to come from behind twice to salvage a 2-2 draw at promoted Fulham on Saturday, largely thanks to new signing Darwin Nunez, pictured, after a performance Jurgen Klopp conceded was well short of the team’s standards. Tottenham also conceded an early goal but came roaring back to earn a 4-1 win at home against Southampton after a dominant display that hinted the Spurs are well gelled after a full offseason under Conte, who took over in November. Newcastle, Leeds and Bournemouth also won in their league openers. At Craven Cottage, Fulham threatened to pull off a major upset as Aleksandar Mitrovic put the hosts ahead twice against Liverpool. But Nunez came off the bench to score one goal and set up the other for Mohamed Salah. “The start of the game was really bad from us,” Klopp said. “No direction, no positivity, no opening up, no breaking lines, nothing (of) what you have to do.”

Murray returns after COVID-19 bout



Cardinals quarterback Kyle Murray has returned to practice after missing nearly a week with COVID-19. Murray was in full pads for Saturday’s scrimmage in front of fans at State Farm Stadium. Coach Kliff Kingsbury said Murray had experienced some mild symptoms but was able to attend meetings virtually during the quarterback’s time away. Kingsbury said Murray would be limited at Saturday’s practice but wanted to be on the field with his teammates. “Obviously he’s been out of commission for five days, sitting around, trying to feel better,” Kingsbury said before practice. “We will see how he feels. If he does anything, it’ll be minimal football-wise. But he’s going to run and lift and try to get rolling again.” It’s been an eventful camp for Murray, who signed a \$230.5 million, five-year deal just before practices started. He then dealt with the fallout after a strange addendum was discovered in the deal, which called for four hours of “independent study” during game weeks. Murray defended his work ethic a few days later and the Cardinals removed the addendum. —AP



Sunday could be the final game Sue Bird, left, pictured before a game against the Lynx on Wednesday, plays in Seattle. The 41-year-old announced in June that this, her 21st season with the Storm, would be her last. STEPH CHAMBERS/GETTY

WNBA

The final flight

Bird ready for what could be her last game in Seattle

By Tim Booth

SEATTLE — Now that a bit of time has passed, Sue Bird knows she made the right decision announcing publicly what she knew inside — that this would be her last season. But the emotions that are likely to come when she plays what could be her final game in Seattle? Bird has no idea what that’ll be like. “I’m looking forward to it. That’s for sure,” she said. “I know it’s going to be a really special day. Am I ready for it? I guess we’ll see. It’s gonna be a lot, in all the good ways.” Bird will play the final regular-season home game of her career on Sunday when the Storm host the Aces. The Storm have clinched a playoff spot, but with the WNBA’s new play-off format, there’s no guarantee the Storm will end up with a home game in the first round. The Storm are currently the No. 4 seed ahead of the Mystics with a week left in the regular season. So in case the Storm don’t end up seeing their home floor again in the playoffs, Sunday is the day Bird gets feted for her remarkable career. Members of the franchise’s previous championships teams are expected to be in attendance. There will be a pregame ceremony. And the largest crowd in Storm history — more than

18,000 at Climate Pledge Arena — is expected. “What she’s been able to do in her career, on and off the court, has been phenomenal and I don’t think they’ll ever be anyone like her,” former Seattle teammate Lauren Jackson said this week. “I think the legacy that she’s left on the sport, and that she’ll be leaving on the sport, is enormous. But I’m really excited to see what she does next.” The 41-year-old Bird, the oldest player in the WNBA, announced in June that this would be her final season before retiring. The decision was expected, especially after Bird flirted with the idea of stepping away after last season before returning for a 19th season on the court and 21st overall with the Storm, missing two seasons due to injuries. She’ll conclude her career as one of the most decorated players of all-time: four WNBA titles, five Olympic gold medals, countless WNBA records that may never be matched and recognition as one of the great women’s players during a golden generation for the league. “If you want to talk the best generation (the league) is still pretty young, so we can revisit that conversation in like 20, 30, 40, 50 years,” Bird said. “But as it stands right now, I do feel really lucky that I played in the generation I played in, and I do think a huge chunk there is probably going to go down as the best, most talented.” Last year when Seattle’s season

ended at home with a playoff loss to Phoenix and Storm fans chanted “one more year!” the passionate plea resonated with Bird. She’s cited that moment numerous times over the past year as a partial reason for her decision to return. But in a sign of how at peace Bird is with her decision, she said when hearing the chant now, her primary thought is, “nice try. See you later,” she joked. Another sign that Bird knows she made the right decision came after she pressed the button to announce her decision. Instantly, the question of whether she’d play again was gone and with it an unknown weight that hung over her. That’s led to more open and honest conversations with competitors, former teammates and fans without dancing around the uncomfortable unknown as the final days of her career have ticked closer. “There were these other nice byproducts I didn’t expect. Most of it comes in the form of people being able to share moments with me, or memories with me. Probably the most meaningful is your peers,” Bird said. “Players on the other team sharing things with me, whether it’s an actual moment or how I’ve inspired them, how they looked up to me, ‘how the WNBA won’t be the same without you.’ I didn’t do it to get that. “But that has been really nice. And it really does help. It’s part of my own closure and it’ll help me move on when it’s all said and done.”

NASCAR

Busch experiences shooting firsthand

By Larry Lage | Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Kyle Busch’s tumultuous year took another turn. Busch, his wife and their two children escaped the Mall of America in Minnesota after shots were fired, three days before racing at Michigan International Speedway. “If you look at that dark cloud that’s over me lately, hence the other day, we’re in the wrong place at the wrong time a lot of times,” Busch said Saturday. When shots were fired Thursday, Busch and his son Brexton were waiting in line to ride a roller coaster while his wife, Samantha, and their daughter, Lennix, were shopping elsewhere in the largest mall in the country. “It’s a lot to process as an adult but really hard as a parent to explain to your child what happened,” Samantha wrote in a post on Instagram. Bloomington Police Chief Booker T. Hodges said no one was struck by the gunfire, adding on Friday that the department was still searching for two people involved in the shooting. The harrowing experience, though, did not appear to give Busch a newfound perspective on his life and career. A two-time NASCAR champion, he does not have a contract for next season and that appears to be his chief concern. “This is a performance-based business,” said Busch, who will start third in the FireKeepers Casino 400 on Sunday. “So it is life-or-death fear if you’ve either got a job and you’re working and you’re making a living, or you’re at home figuring out what your next steps are. “I’ve kind of thought about that like, ‘OK, what are my next steps? What do I do if I don’t continue to race? And I have no idea. I have no clue.” Busch, the 2015 and 2019 NASCAR champion and winner of 60 career Cup races, has one victory this year and is ranked 11th in points. Over the last seven races, Busch has failed to finish within the top 10. That stretch includes a 36th-place finish at Pocono two weeks ago after he and Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Denny Hamlin, who won the race, were disqualified because their Toyotas failed inspections. “It’s a matter of luck, and there is absolutely none following the 18 car right now,” Busch said.



Kyle Busch walks the track at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Feb. 6. CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY

Bubba’s breakthrough

Bubba Wallace won his first career pole Saturday, becoming the only driver to break 190 mph in the Next Gen car during qualifying this season. Wallace also gave 23XI Racing, formed by Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan and Denny Hamlin in 2020, its first pole. “With the speed that we have, there’s no reason that we can’t go out and win,” said Wallace, who became the second Black driver to win a Cup race 10 months ago at Talladega Superspeedway.

Playoff push

Four races remain in the regular season, creating a sense of urgency to qualify for the playoffs. That remains true even for some drivers who have won a race. NASCAR has had 14 different Cup winners this season, closing in on the playoff-era record of 16 set last year. If a new mark is made and there are three new winners over the next four races, one driver with a victory would be eliminated from the 16-car playoff with a tiebreaker based on points. Chase Briscoe, who has one victory and is No. 12 in points, is confident his postseason bid is safe if there is not a new winner at MIS, though he would love to seal a spot on his own. “Another win would be the easiest way to take the pressure off 100%,” said Briscoe, who will start 23rd in the 37-car field in the No. 14 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Ford’s tough stretch

Chevrolet has 13 victories, including points leader Chase Elliott’s series-high four wins, leaving Toyota (five) and Ford (four) searching for answers. Ford is hoping its previous success on the track in its backyard will provide a much-needed boost. The manufacture has won seven straight Cup races, including last year with Ryan Blaney, on the two-mile oval about 50 miles west of its world headquarters in the Motor City. This season, though, Ford has gone two months without a victory since Joey Logano won his second race in 2022. Logano said he plans to compete aggressively. “If you’re not the one making the move, a move is going to be put on you,” he said.

SPORTS



Time might be running short for Ezekiel Elliott as the Cowboys' star running back. Elliott had the lowest per-carry average of his career (4.0 yards) in 2020, followed by his worst per-game average (59 yards) last season. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

NFL COWBOYS

Elliott sees high stakes amid questions over future

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Ezekiel Elliott lingers a little longer after practice at training camp with family, friends and even fans these days, seemingly more comfortable with everything that accompanies being the star running back of the Dallas Cowboys.

His time in that role could be running short and might end next offseason if Elliott can't regain the form that led to NFL rushing titles in two of his first three seasons.

Elliott is comfortable with that reality, too.

"I think it is a big season. But I think you can't look too far down the road," Elliott said. "I don't think there's really a reason to look that far down the road. I think if I handle my business every day, then I will be in a pretty good situation at the end of the season."

The \$90 million, six-year extension Elliott signed to end a long

holdout in 2019 will have four years remaining after this season. But this is the last year of guaranteed money, which increases the chance of a cost-cutting move under the salary cap.

Elliott had the lowest per-carry average of his career (4.0 yards) in 2020, followed by his worst per-game average (59 yards) last season, including just 31 yards in a wild-card loss to San Francisco for the NFC East champions.

The criticism started growing before that, when he actually had a productive 2019 season with 1,357 yards and 12 touchdowns but the Cowboys missed the playoffs.

Ever since, Elliott has faced questions of whether the wear and tear of his first three years, when he twice surpassed 300 carries, had robbed him of the explosiveness that marked his rookie year — his only All-Pro season.

Suffice it to say there were plenty of people questioning the \$90 million contract, and plenty

will say "I told you so" if Elliott doesn't get past the \$50 million in guarantees.

From Elliott's point of view, last season was plagued by a partially torn ligament in his right knee, which he chose to play through. But it's not like he's expecting the way he feels in training camp in California to last very long into the season.

"Definitely frustrating certain parts of the year, but it's football," Elliott said. "Today might be the only day everyone is going to be 100% from here on out. Just trying to do everything I can off the field to make sure that I'm preserving my health and ready for Sundays."

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones took aim at two former Cowboys, receiver Amari Cooper and defensive end Randy Gregory, when saying that availability played a role in which big-money players were still around and which weren't.

Cooper was unvaccinated

and missed two games because of COVID-19 last season, while Gregory dealt with injuries in addition to four suspensions that kept him out for all of two seasons and most of a third. Cooper was traded to Cleveland to save money under the cap, and Gregory signed with Denver after initially agreeing to a deal with Dallas.

Numbers aside, Elliott has been the model of availability since his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations in 2017, his second year. The former Ohio State standout has missed one game because of injury in six seasons.

"Zeke Elliott is one of our rocks on this team," coach Mike McCarthy said. "He's a keystone player. You see all the extra work that he puts in pre-practice, post-practice. He overcame a lot to play (last year), and I think that speaks volumes about him, and you need those type of individuals to win championships."

REGIONAL DIGEST

Davis goes the distance, but Yard Goats lose

Staff Reports

Yard Goats right-hander Noah Davis pitched an eight-inning complete game but was tagged with the loss, as the Reading Fightin Phils defeated the Hartford 2-1 on Friday night at FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, Pennsylvania. It was the first eight-inning complete game for a Yard Goats pitcher since Jack Wynkoop on Aug. 26, 2017, in New Hampshire.

Brenton Doyle provided the Yard Goats' only run Friday with a

home run in the fifth inning. Reading used four relievers to prevent Hartford from reaching a franchise-best 25 games above .500.

The Fightin Phils scored the first run of the game in the third inning as Simon Muzziotti hit a home run. Reading made it 2-0 in the fourth as Vito Frischia scored on a throwing error. Davis retired the final 10 batters he faced, including the side in order in the final three innings. He allowed just one hit after the fourth inning.

Meanwhile, Reading got an

outstanding performance from its bullpen as four relievers held down Hartford's hot offense. After scoring 10 runs in each of the previous two games, the Yard Goats managed only one run and five hits.

The Yard Goats had some chances late in the game with a runner at second base and one out in each of the last three innings. Reading closer Brian Marconi worked the final two innings and recorded four strikeouts for his 14th save.

WCSU fills out men's basketball

staff: Western Connecticut State University coach Guy Rancourt announced the hiring of Jacob Klee as a new assistant men's basketball coach. Klee replaces Nolan Meehan who served two seasons with Rancourt and recently accepted a position at Division I Quinnipiac University. A native of Roslyn Height, N.Y., Klee comes to WestConn after serving as a graduate assistant and director of basketball operations at Division I University of Missouri-Kansas City.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS
CTL **Playoffs**—First Round (at Riverfront Park, Glastonbury)
Knights 1, Patriots 0
Rock Cats 10, Aftershock 3
MONDAY'S SCHEDULE
CTL **Playoffs**—Quarterfinals (at Riverfront Park, Glastonbury)
No. 9Knights vs. No. 4Aftershock, 6p.m.
No. 7Dodgers vs. No. 6Orioles, 8p.m.

GREATER HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Greens at Cardinals, 5p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS				
Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Hartford	61	38	.616	—
Somerset	60	39	.606	1
Portland	48	52	.480	13.5
New Hampshire	46	54	.460	15.5
Reading	43	57	.430	18.5
Binghamton	39	60	.394	22
Southwest	W	L	PCT	GB
Erie	59	40	.596	—
Akron	53	45	.541	5.5
Richmond	50	49	.505	9
Bowie	49	50	.495	10
Altoona	48	52	.480	11.5
Harrisburg	40	60	.400	19.5

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS
Reading 2, Hartford 1
Portland 3, Erie 2
Altoona 2, Akron 1
Bowie 5, Harrisburg 4
Binghamton 11, Somerset 8
New Hampshire 6, Richmond 1
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Hartford at Reading, late
Erie at Portland, late
Bowie at Harrisburg, late
Binghamton at Somerset, late
Richmond at New Hampshire, late
Akron at Altoona (2), late
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE
Erie at Portland, 1p.m.
Bowie at Harrisburg, 1p.m.
Richmond at New Hampshire, 1:30p.m.
Binghamton at Somerset, 5p.m.
Hartford at Reading, 5p.m.
Akron at Altoona, 6p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE				
FIGHTIN' PHILS 2, YARD GOATS 1				
Hartford	AB	R	H	BI
Montano, rf	4	0	1	0
Stovall, ss	4	0	0	0
Lavigne, 1b	4	0	0	0
Toglia, dh	3	0	0	0
Schunk, 3b	4	0	1	0
Doyle, cf	3	1	1	1
Datres, lf	4	0	0	0
MacIver, c	2	0	1	0
Collins, 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	31	1	5	1
Reading	AB	R	H	BI
Rojas, cf	4	0	0	0
Muzziotti, rf	4	1	2	1
Rijo, 3b	3	0	0	0
Corredor, 1b	3	0	0	0
Frischia, c	3	1	2	0
Vicuna, 2b	3	0	1	0
De La Cruz, dh	3	0	1	0
Guzman, ss	3	0	1	0
Markwardt, lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	29	2	7	1
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Reading	001	10000x	2-7-0	

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Hartford IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Davis (L, 6-7) 8 7 2 2 0 7 6.17
Reading IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Bettencourt 3 0 0 0 0 2 4.35
Leverett (W, 3-7) 3 1 1 1 1 3 6.83
Schultz 1 1 0 0 1 1 0.00
Marconi (S, 14) 2 3 0 0 0 4 4.23
WP: Leverett. **HBP:** MacIver (by Bettencourt); Rijo (by Davis). **Umpires:** Krupa, Alfonso, Hart. **Time:** 2:02. Att.: 5,385.

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Stacks of two or three books can be used as pedestals for sculptural objects, said Dan Mazzarini of the New York interior design firm BHDM. JENNA PEFFLEY

‘Centerpiece of the room’

Strike a balance between decoration and function when styling a coffee table

By **Tim McKeough**

The New York Times

Coffee tables aren’t just a place for your guests to set down their drinks. “The coffee table is often the centerpiece of the room,” said Dan Mazzarini, a partner at the New York-based interior design and styling firm BHDM. It will attract attention whether you want it to or not. So don’t overlook its decorative potential.

“In the same way that walls feel empty without art, coffee tables feel empty without anything on them,” said Anna Baraness, a founder of Studio AK, an interior design firm in New York. “When you walk into a home with a nicely styled coffee table, it feels complete and really works as part of the bigger picture.”

Of course, that doesn’t mean that cluttered is better than bare. Your coffee table shouldn’t be a dumping ground for remote controls, mail and anything else that doesn’t have a home. Interior designers and home stagers manage to strike a balance between decoration and function, styling coffee tables in a way that feels almost effortless. How exactly do they do it? We asked for some advice.

Play with scale

When you’re adding accessories to a coffee table, “it’s important to have different heights,” said Leia T. Ward, the founder of LTW Design, an interior design and staging firm in Ridgefield, Connecticut. “That brings the eye in and creates interest.”

To ensure some variation is present, “we always start with the tallest item,” Ward said, “which, if not a big sculpture, tends to be a tall vase or a medium-size vase with oversized branches.”

Mazzarini considers how a viewer’s eye will move among the various objects. “Some people think of it as a still life, but I think of it more as typography,” he said. “I think about things

undulating up and down, and creating islands of objects where the eye can rest.”

Use books creatively

They’re called coffee-table books for a reason: Large, lavishly illustrated books are designed to be left on display, where they encourage casual reading.

All the designers interviewed for this article agreed that books shouldn’t be chosen solely for their cover art. Instead, they should reflect your personal interests — favorite places, activities, artists, designers — both for your own enjoyment and to share your passions with guests.

If your table is small or you’re aiming for a minimalist look, you might put out one or two books. On a larger table or in a room with a maximalist design, many designers will create a few low stacks, “with the biggest on the bottom and smallest on top, like a pyramid,” Mazzarini said.

For each stack, “two books are great, and three books are fine,” he said, but he advised against going much higher. Frequently, he uses those stacks as pedestals to elevate bowls, vases or other sculptural objects. And he often removes the dust jackets to expose the more textured covers underneath.

Don’t ignore the photos on the inside pages of books, either, said Meridith Baer, a home stager and interior designer in Los Angeles. “I usually put whatever books I’m enjoying the most on the table,” she said.

Add sculpture

The coffee table is a good place to display sculptural objects — whether fine art or utilitarian bowls, vases, bottles or candleholders with unusual shapes and appealing textures.

Studio AK has adorned coffee tables with organically shaped bowls and faceted vases. BHDM has deployed wooden eggs and woven baskets. LTW Design has laid out chunky, beaded necklaces and carved wooden chains.

The best choices, however, are pieces

that mean something to you personally.

“A coffee table represents who you are as a host and a homeowner,” said Jonathan Rachman, an interior designer based in San Francisco. “Your style, your spirit, your story.”

It’s a chance to display a tasteful travel souvenir, like a paperweight or small dish, a ceramic vessel made by an artisan, seashells collected on the beach or a prized find from a tag sale — almost anything that could serve as a conversation starter.

Create some contrast

You want decorative accessories on a coffee table to visually pop, so choose objects with colors and materials that won’t blend in.

“If my coffee table is, say, made out of glass and metal, I’d bring in the opposite to complement it, like wood or porcelain, for contrast,” Rachman said. “Or if my coffee table is, say, a tufted oval ottoman, I’d bring in a metal like brass.”

Studio AK uses darker accessories, like black trays and candleholders, on light tabletops, and vice versa. “Having high contrast is very important to us,” said Kristin Tarsi, a founder of the firm. “We want to see variation, interesting textures, and the light and the dark.”

Coffee table accessories also offer a low-risk way to experiment with color, Mazzarini said, similar to throw pillows. Try putting out a large book with a bright red cover, and if the look isn’t what you hoped for, you can pick it up and put it away.

Don’t forget flowers

“No coffee table is complete without flowers,” Rachman said. “You always want something organic, something natural.”

Formal rooms might call for a traditional arrangement, he said, but in casual spaces he often uses an approach he calls “chop and drop” — a bunch of one type of flower, perhaps hydrangeas or calla lilies, plunked in a vase.

But flowers aren’t the only organic option. A potted plant, a bowl of succulents, a large-scale tropical leaf or branches snipped from a tree can all bring nature indoors and warm up a table.

Make it function

Beyond looking beautiful, your coffee table has several jobs to perform: It’s a surface that needs to catch hot coffee, icy cocktails, snack platters, remote controls, laptops and maybe even bare feet. That’s why it’s important to leave at least some of the space open for things to come and go.

“Our rule of thumb is to have about 40% of the tabletop covered” with accessories, Tarsi said, leaving the rest unoccupied.

She also likes to include an imperious tray on a coffee table to contain smaller objects like remote controls and coasters, and to serve as a surface for water-filled vases, which can leave marks on wooden tables.

A decorative box or a broad bowl could serve the same purpose, Mazzarini said, by providing an easy, attractive place to stow smaller things at the end of the day.

Change it up

Unlike big pieces of furniture that you move into a room and leave in the same place, coffee table accessories can change with the seasons or when you discover new books and tabletop objects.

“It can be fluid,” said Baer, who routinely changes the accessories on her coffee table to display the things she finds most captivating at any given moment. “I inherited an art-glass collection from my mother, and for a while I had the whole collection on the table, organized by height and color. I really enjoyed that for a while.”

Ideally, she said, you’ll find pleasure in composing different coffee table vignettes. “If you love design,” she said, “you can just keep things moving all the time, and enjoy it.”

Discover the beauty and warmth of brown

By **Cathy Hobbs**

Tribune News Service

Like black, the color brown is neutral, blends well with other colors and adds a sense of luxury.

For many, brown is a wonderful and soothing alternative to black while viewed as not as harsh.

The beauty of brown is it adds warmth to nearly any space without overwhelming it.

Looking for ways to

incorporate brown into your home? Here are some top tips.

Things you should do when using browns

1. Do pair tints, tones and shades of brown in a space.

2. Do use shades of taupe and cream in spaces where you wish to incorporate shades of brown.

3. Do use brown in spaces of the home where you want to add warmth and coziness.

4. Do use shades of brown for upholstery, accents and accessories.

5. Do use artwork as a way to infuse bold elements of brown into your home’s color palette.

Things you shouldn’t do when using browns

1. Don’t be afraid to pair black and brown in the same space.

2. Don’t bring in too many dark shades of brown in the same space.

3. Don’t avoid a monochromatic color scheme. Tints, tones and shades of brown will work well in the same space.

4. Don’t bring in too many brown elements in the same space, such as too many heavy furniture elements.

5. Don’t ignore blending darker shades of brown with lighter shades of brown and white to soften darker brown colors in a space.



An oversized artwork in brown adds a strong warm tone to a living space. COURTESY

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Parent seeks help navigating late son’s estate

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency

Q: My single son died two years ago. He had no children. His only assets were his condominium and the money he had in his 401(k) plan. His condo is worth around \$100,000 and his 401(k) plan has about \$10,000. For the past two years, we continued to make his mortgage and tax payments on his condo and, of course, we paid for his funeral expenses. No creditors have opened probate nor have they made a formal claim against his estate. Once he died, his credit card companies stopped sending letters requesting payment on the amount he owed on his cards. He had around \$20,000 in credit card debt.

Can we (his parents and his only sibling) now place the condo up for sale without probate and being named executor? Can we get access to the 401(k)?

A: We are so sorry for the loss of your son. We know that his passing must have been hard for you and your entire family.

You didn't mention in your question whether your son had written a will or if he had taken any steps to build an estate plan. We're guessing that he didn't have one, but knowing for sure whether he had a valid will is critical and will determine your next steps.

Let's start with your son's 401(k) account. If your son designated a beneficiary for the account, you shouldn't have any issues closing the account and having the person or persons designated as beneficiaries receive the funds. The key is finding out if your son designated anyone as a beneficiary under the account. If your son never designated a beneficiary



It can be helpful to consult a probate attorney. DREAMSTIME

for his 401(k) account, the account administrator cannot legally give the money to you, even if you're a close relative. The account administrator needs a court order to send the funds to a specific person. Usually, this process requires the probating of a will. The will should indicate who your son designated as the executor of the will. That person would then become the court-appointed person to handle your son's affairs and distribute your son's assets as provided under the terms of the will. You should also know that the executor would also have the obligation to pay off any debts owed by your son, including the credit card debt and any mortgage remaining.

Once an executor is appointed by the court, the executor can then reach out to the 401(k) company to have them distribute the funds in accordance with the terms of the will or as instructed by the court.

If your son died intestate, or without a will, you still need to go to probate court and have an executor appointed to handle the affairs of your son's estate, including the sale of the condo. The only exception to this would be if there is a co-owner of the condo, who is a joint tenant with rights of survivorship. If there is a co-owner and the property's title is held as joint tenants, then that person would have inherited the property outright upon your son's death.

Assuming he owned it

alone, the executor of his estate (whether named under the will or was appointed by the court) could then list the home for sale and distribute the proceeds from the sale after settling any debts owed by your son's estate.

We'd urge you to talk to a probate attorney close to where your son lived and where the condo is located. Your state may offer different options if your son is deemed to have died owing more than he was worth.

Based on the information you provided, it's unclear how much equity is in the property. You indicated that the condominium is worth around \$100,000, but if your son still owed \$80,000 on the mortgage, that amount would need to be repaid to the lender.

Still, you should be entitled to reimbursement for the property tax and mortgage payments you made for your son's estate. After you're repaid, and the closing costs for the sale of the condo are paid, there may not be much left to distribute.

In particular, if the estate needs to settle up with your son's lender and various credit card companies, there might be nothing left other than the funds in the 401(k) account. Make sure you talk to the probate attorney and understand what fees you'll incur in settling your son's estate.

Ask the 401(k) company if your son designated a beneficiary for his account, how to handle the transfer of funds and what documentation they need. More

importantly, if your son died intestate, ask them what the options are if the 401(k) account is the only real asset left in this estate.

You have some work to do to figure out the best course of action. We do think, however, that you'd benefit from consulting with a probate attorney on your situation. And, if you don't see eye to eye with the attorney, find one that you feel comfortable with and gives you a sense of what you can get out of the estate without spending all of the estate's money on attorney fees and probate costs.

Ilyce Glink is the CEO of Best Money Moves and Samuel J. Tamkin is a real estate attorney. Contact them through the website ThinkGlink.com.



Make sure all doors, including pet doors, close securely and properly. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

How can I pet-proof my home?

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Pets are more than a hobby; they're part of your family. Whether you're looking to secure your home for current four-legged residents or you're about to welcome a new furry family member for the first time, here are some tips to keep your pets safe and happy in your house.

First things first: Pets involve a lot of extra stuff, so have a plan for that early on. You'll save a lot of time if you're not scurrying around when Fluffy is meowing for treats right away.

"When you bring a new pet into your home, you're going to want to think of new storage solutions to make sure you have space for all of their supplies," says Angi Home interior expert Rachel Zepernick. "That can include a designated area to store all their toys, or if the pet is a dog, you may want to install a hook by the front door for easy access to a leash. For kibble and treats, consider buying airtight containers that can keep the food

fresher for longer, keep pests at bay and prevent unwanted smells from your home."

Go through your house and try to think from the perspective of a cat or dog. What are the breakable items they might knock over? What about potentially harmful household materials, such as laundry detergent or cleaning solutions? Keep cords and medications well out of their reach as well. Make sure your household emergency kit has everything you'll need to care for pets for at least three days, including food, water and whatever specific medications they need.

Once your pet has settled in, keep cleaning in mind.

"Just like other members of your family, your pet is going to bring more mess into your home, so start thinking about ways to make it easier to clean and maintain the home," Zepernick says. "One way, for example, would be to switch to luxury vinyl flooring. These floors are scratch-resistant, they're long-lasting, and they're super-easy to maintain."

Pets can be expert escape artists when sneaking out of the house. The best way to stop any would-be fugitive fur babies is to remove the desire in the first place, so you may want to consider having them spayed or neutered. This removes their instinct to search for potential mates. Make sure all doors, including patio entrances and pet doors, close securely and properly. Don't overlook the outdoors, either. Ensure your gate is secure and that a dog can't dig under the fence.

Despite your best efforts, your furry escape artist may still make it out of the door or yard. Put identification and your contact information on a collar, and consider microchipping them so shelters can quickly identify them.

Don't forget to give them someplace to go. Cats, dogs and other pets are naturally curious creatures who want to explore. Since you're forbidding them to get into the big wide world that so excites them, make sure they have fun, interesting places to explore in their house or yard.

TREASURES

Glass household adornments likely from former Bohemia

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service

Q: My parents purchased these hurricane lamps possibly around 1950. In a note they said they had been made in occupied Germany. Might they have any value in today's marketplace? Thank you.

—B.S.
A: We have several problems with this description. The first is the idea that the pieces are "hurricane lamps." They are not. A hurricane lamp is an oil or paraffin lamp (or candlestick) with a strong glass cover to protect the flame from being extinguished by the wind. There is sometimes a perforated metal lid, also designed to protect the flame.

The pair of objects in today's question are mantel lusters, which are candleholders shaped like vases with pedestal bases — some say the shape resembles a tulip — with the bottom of the upper chalice-like portion being adorned with hanging prisms. These are household adornments that were used as decorations and lighting on mantels, sideboards and dining tables.

The word "luster" is sometimes defined as a glow of reflected light, and this does describe what the prisms do on objects such as the ones owned by B.S. Most mantel lusters have one row of prisms, but multiple layers can be found on rare occasions. Two rows of prisms are found from time to time, but examples with as many as five rows of prisms have been reported.

The phrase "manufactured in occupied Germany" has us a little puzzled. Most American collectors are familiar with items made in "occupied Japan," and there are



These candleholders were used as decorations and lighting on mantels, sideboards and tables. READER SUBMITTED

pieces marked "Occupied Germany," "Made in U.S. Zone Occupied Germany" or "Made in British Zone Occupied Germany" and so forth. But we do not believe the pieces were made there or in that time frame (1945-1952).

It is our opinion that at least the glass portion of the pair was made in the former Duchy/Kingdom of Bohemia, which after 1918 became part of Czechoslovakia. Everything about the glass vessels shouts Bohemia, from the thin layer of dark red cut through to reveal clear glass underneath, to the birds, foliage and "C" scroll decoration.

Bohemian mantel lusters come in an almost mind-boggling variety of colors and designs. They can be found in green (emerald to apple), red (ruby to cranberry with some pink found every now and then) amber and blue (from turquoise to cobalt and a few shades in between).

But the real variety is

in the decoration. Some are intricately painted with portraits and landscapes, while some are cut through multiple layers of colored glass. The pair belonging to B.S. is in one of the more common colors and least desirable decorations.

Mantel lusters should always be collected in pairs, and singles are often shunned. This pair, which we believe is circa 1930, might sell at auction in the \$200 to \$250 range and should be valued for insurance at about twice that.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 119 Bayberry Road, Manchester (model home)

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Property of the Week

Bayberry Crossing Offers Custom Homes to Match Individual Lifestyles

By Karen A. Avitabile

Situated in a countryside setting amid gorgeous views, custom-built homes are under construction in Manchester by Boynton Construction Inc., a family owned and operated company based in Vernon.

"It's a quiet, beautiful, serene setting," Vice President Jonathan Boynton says of the development, called Bayberry Crossing. The area, which is private and set back from the road, was farmland at one time.

"The minute we walked the property, we knew it was a site to build homes," Jonathan Boynton adds. The Hartford skyline and Mount Tom (in western Massachusetts) are visible from Bayberry Crossing. "The views are exceptional."



When complete, Bayberry Crossing will consist of 44 single-family home sites located on 30 acres, including some 10 acres remaining in its undisturbed natural state. The development consists of Bayberry Road and Wilson Way, with a new cul-de-sac, Mason Circle, in the center.

Boynton Construction Inc. is offering Bayberry Crossing buyers the choice of six traditional cape, colonial or ranch styles, ranging from 2,000 to 2,600 square feet. The six- to eight-room homes offer three or four bedrooms, two or two-and-a-half bathrooms and first- or second-floor primary suites. Five sites remain in phase one, made up of 18 homes.



All of the spacious home styles offer open space concepts and striking architectural accents that so many buyers are looking for in today's market. The homes showcase many high-end amenities including hardwood floors, nine-foot ceilings, granite countertops, five-inch baseboards, custom trim details, lots of windows, gas fireplaces, enormous hallways, walk-in closets, primary bathrooms with double sinks, laundry rooms, large basements, two-car garages with partial window garage doors and composite decks or concrete paver patios.

The kitchens feature all stainless appliances, gas stoves, separate spaces for trash and recyclables, dropdown areas for sponges, some pullout drawers for storing Dutch ovens, different colors of cabinets with a soft close and decorative trim, lazy Susans, walk-in pantries with frosted glass doors and large islands with pendant lights, lots of storage and seating for four.



The primary suites have a walk-in closet. The additional bedrooms provide lots of storage through their single or double closets. All bedrooms feature wall-to-wall carpeting. The home's full bathroom has a shower-tub combination, a linen closet, a tile floor and granite or quartz countertops.

With Boynton Construction Inc., home buyers are able to customize their home so it reflects their personality and preferences. There is also the option of upgrades. "We are open to working with our customers to customize their design and their home plans," Jonathan Boynton says.

Because of the composite decks and vinyl siding and railings, Bayberry Crossing homes afford low maintenance on the exterior. High-efficiency gas furnaces and hot water heaters, energy-efficient insulation and multi-zone heating and cooling systems (in the two-level home styles) help to offset energy costs. A humidification system is standard on all furnaces.



"Our customers comment that their energy bills are cheaper," Jonathan Boynton says. He adds his customers like that natural gas, and public water and sewer, are standard in all homes.

To see a sample of the homes being built in Bayberry Crossing, potential home buyers can walk through a 2,280-square-foot model home at 119 Bayberry Road by appointment. Built in the Sterling design, this home offers three bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. The main floor combines the kitchen, the dining room and the great room, adorned by a fireplace and mantel. Doors from the great room open onto the deck.

Also on the main level of the model home is a laundry room, a space which can be used as a den or as an office, a powder room and a primary suite. In the kitchen, the countertops are a blend of light gray tones offset by white cabinets and a two-tone light-gray island. Upstairs, you will find two spacious bedrooms and a full bathroom.



Upgrades in the model home include a tile shower with a glass door in the primary suite, a bump-out area in the garage, sidelights from the front door, hardwood stairs to the second level and a walkout basement. The great room has two upgraded design elements – a lighted tray ceiling and a transom window.

A lot of people like the model home, Jonathan Boynton says, adding it is the "best new construction homes they've seen."

Kristyn Boynton Congelos, who oversees sales and selections for the company, says the choice of building styles offered through Bayberry Crossing is a plus in today's new construction market. "You can't find these floor plans in the market," she adds. "It is not easy to find these."

Boynton Construction Inc. was founded in the mid-1980s by its president, Kenneth Boynton, who remains an integral part of the company today. He is also past president and a life member of the Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Central Connecticut and serves on home builder associations on the state and national levels.

Specializing in residential development, custom homes, active adult communities and condominiums, Boynton Construction Inc. has created several communities including Highland Ridge in Manchester, Stagecoach Farms in Durham, and Ogden Brook Estates, Woodland Place and Sterling Pointe, all in Vernon. In addition, the company participates in numerous light-commercial construction projects ranging from interior fit-out jobs to medical office buildings.



Jonathan Boynton says the company has established a reputation in the industry as a quality builder and developer. "We stand behind our work to deliver a customized home to meet and exceed the customer's expectations," he adds.

Despite supply-chain challenges resulting from the coronavirus, the Boyntons say their average home can be built within six months. They point to their reputation, long-standing relationship with suppliers and ability to plan ahead as main reasons for receiving materials on time.

"We have done an excellent job of delivering homes as close as possible to their scheduled date," Jonathan Boynton adds.

Close to shopping, restaurants, entertainment and recreation, Bayberry Crossing is attracting lots of interested homeowners from around Connecticut, especially from the Glastonbury, Manchester, Newington and Vernon areas.



An open house at 119 Bayberry Road, which serves at the development's sales center, is scheduled for August 7th 12 to 2 p.m. Additional walk-throughs can be scheduled by calling Congelos, (860) 798-2103.

"Buyers here are happy with their homes," Congelos says. "You get to know people as a family. We built a close relationship with them because we work with them."

Karen A. Avitabile is a freelance writer based in Plantsville.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

119 Bayberry Road, Manchester (model home)

Built: New construction in three phases

Price: Starting in the mid \$500,000

Style: Cape, colonial and ranch designs

Rooms: 6-8

Bedrooms: 3-4

Baths: 2 or 2.5

Square footage: Ranging from 2,000-2,600

Acreage: A community of 44 single-family homes; each one sits on an average of one-third to two-thirds of an acre

Mill rate: 36.52

Best feature: All homes are customized to suit the owner's personal preference and vision

Contact: Kristyn Boynton Congelos, (860) 798-2103, kristyn@boyntonct.com, www.boyntonct.com. An open house is set for August 7th 12 to 2 pm., in the model home.

WEST HARTFORD

Elegant condominium in The Heritage at Blue Back Square where shopping, dining and entertainment are just outside your door! Gleaming Brazilian Cherry floors, brand new, modern light fixtures and ceiling fans, freshly painted walls and trim, new window treatments...perfection. MLS 170507401. \$649,500. 85 Memorial Rd, Unit #411, West Hartford, CT. Contact Ellen Sebastian 860.930.8407 | esebastian@williampitt.com.



SIMSBURY

Enjoy the ease of life in this beautifully designed country estate, thanks to its gracefully flowing open layout and abundant space for every activity - all curated with exquisite attention to detail! Entertain w/ ease, welcoming guests in New England-style casual elegance thru the grand 2-story foyer w/ sweeping staircase flanked by formal Living & Dining Rooms. MLS 170482814. \$1,250,000. 5 Summerwood Rd, Simsbury, CT. Contact Michelle Cowles 860.977.8201 | mcowles@williampitt.com.



REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA
10 Dempsey Ct, Boath Jr, George W and Boath, Mary to Kish, Robert C and Kish, Emily, 7/20, \$440,000

ASHFORD
15 Broad Oak Dr, 314 Cypress Ave Dev Corp to Casady, Sean, 7/15, \$237,500
24 Old Town Rd, Rossi, Marilyn D to Marochini, Monica J, 7/18, \$220,000

AVON
3 Morningside Ct Lot 3, Martini, Todd to Lokshina, Irina, 7/15, \$237,500
5 Boxwood Cir Lot 5, Gold, Ronald and Brown, Iris J to Paturzo, Robert M and Paturzo, Diana M, 7/21, \$575,000

7 Wildflower Ter Lot 7, Leyland, Joyce P to Kushnir, Emmanuel and Kushnir, Malvina, 7/19, \$445,000
10 Cricket Ln, Dolan Meghan E Est and Clifford Jr, John to Fermiano Ent, 7/21, \$410,000
10 Sedgewood Rd, Nough, Amre M and Rani, Saira I to Jones, Tebucky S, 7/18, \$700,000

10 Smith Rd, Nair, Sulochanan S and Nair, Santhi S to Gowda, Deepak and Eipeson, Sonu, 7/22, \$550,000
11 Reverknolls, Ehenen, Vera J to Roberto, Nicholas, 7/18, \$760,000

11 Tanglewood Dr, Breitsprecher, Cheryl A and Breitsprecher, David M to Gunasundaram, Prasad and Prasad, Ankayarkanni, 7/18, \$540,000

15 Deer Run, Guie, Celeste R and Dinerman, Joshua to Sharma, Jyoti and Gupta, Rituraj, 7/20, \$931,000

35 W Hills Dr, Wang, Hairong to Cooke, Jordan R and Cooke, Crystal L, 7/19, \$1,047,000
38 Kingsbridge, Caruso, Marilyn B to Kings-ton 4th, William and Kingston, Jenna, 7/21, \$700,000

43 Buckingham Rd, Pidikiti, Ramakoteswar-aram and Kaur, Gagandeep to Kumar, Himanshu and Kumar, Priti, 7/20, \$600,000

43 Vermillion Dr, Kids Of Summer Fndtn to Zappono, Stephen, 7/15, \$60,000
95 Cold Spring Rd, Chinitz, Gail G to Phad-nis, Mangesh and Joshi, Manjiri, 7/19, \$805,500

500 Deercliff Rd, Trainor, Douglas M and Trainor, Amanda to Petricone, Matthew R and Gustafson, Emily C, 7/18, \$1,000,000
568 Country Club Rd, Paiella LT and Paiella, Giuseppe to Walter, Amanda and Walter, Zachary, 7/18, \$670,000

BARKHAMSTED
7 Chiswick Ln, Kidik, Jill and Charette, Tyler to Bark Hamsted Prop LLC, 7/18, \$387,000

BEACON FALLS
70 Andrasko Rd, Follett, Lori J to Moore, Katie and Pacheco, Luis, 7/20, \$291,000
401 Fieldstone Ln, Ev G Home LLC to Garry, Patrick J and Garry, Sheila K, 7/21, \$664,255
127 Pondview Cir Lot 127, Phippen, Helen and Phippen, Hardey to Mcgee Jr, John J and Lundee-McGee, Dorilyn, 7/22, \$202,000

BERLIN
10 Main St Lot 101, Catania, Alicia to Obrien, Christopher, 7/18, \$260,000
65 Kenton St, Brunetti, Joshua J and Morales, Zahina C to Tackett, Julia and Russell, Kyle, 7/20, \$295,000
84 Watch Hill Rd, Holman, Christian R and Holman, Domenica to Brooks, Harvey J and Brooks, Michele A, 7/19, \$675,000
1188 Worthington Rdg, Holmes Marta G Est and Charette, Leeanne to Rice, Richard E, 7/21, \$240,000

BETHANY
20 Carrington Rd, Podoloff, Richard H to Sacher, Meagan K and Knight, Justin, 7/18, \$560,000
22 Tollgate Rd, 1061 Watertown Ave LLC to Wamsele, Joyce, 7/18, \$615,000
25 Hopbrook Rd, Marino Holdings LLC to Delli-Carpini, Jacqueline and Kennedy, Aedan, 7/19, \$288,000

27 Pinebrook Xing, Gamsu, Charles and Gamsu, Wendy to Selearis, Michael and Selearis, Deborah E, 7/22, \$886,000

BETHEL
Summit Vlg Lot 66, Toll CT to Sloane, Marshall B and Sloane, Ximena L, 7/14, \$571,581
1 Gretchen Ln, Christ, Rose and Hansmann, Heather to Rasul, Malcolm and Rasul, Supamart, 7/18, \$620,000

6 Jacklin Rd, Malagon, Jenny Z to Rosa, Nelson and Reynolds, Maximo, 7/18, \$465,000

61 Cindy Ln, Ochs, Patricia M to Bohl, Angie D, 7/19, \$411,000

16 Weed Rd, Labadia, Ciro and Labadia, Amanda to Mcdevitt, Brian A and Mcdevitt, Katelyn, 7/18, \$535,000

32 Payne Rd, Lavras, Jose M and Lavras, Marisa C to Kahn, Asif and Anwar, Syeda A, 7/19, \$475,000

40 Putnam Park Rd, Cappelino, Michael and Cappelino, Christine to Krigger, Shonta, 7/19, \$507,500

73 Lawrence Ave, Adams, Joshua and Della-sala, Jennifer M to Johnson, Kimberly, 7/14, \$566,000

76 Copper Square Dr Lot 76, Olshan, Matthew C to Gendreau, Andrew P and Gendreau, Lori A, 7/18, \$580,000

310 Copper Square Dr Lot 310, Starr 2nd, David H and Starr, Lauren to Ribeiro, Teresa N, 7/19, \$416,000

BETHLEHEM
100 Deerwood Dr, Stango, Barbara A and Stango Sr, Gary A to Howard, Caitlin and Rowe, David, 7/20, \$520,000

BLOOMFIELD
12 Gilbert Ave, Jenkins, Olga L to Romero Jr, Catalino and Rodriguez, Ivet, 7/21, \$260,000
41 Brookdale Ave, Garcia, Carlos to Johnson, Tanisha M, 7/18, \$175,000
454 Bloomfield Ave, Fornabi, Paula A and Hatch, Dwight S to Karalis, William A and Karalis, Catherine J, 7/21, \$481,100

584 Park Ave, Jackson, Sandra to Otto, Olivia B, 7/21, \$250,000

BOLTON
16 Webster Ln, Burby, Riechelle A to Magowan, James A and Magowan, Jeffrey E, 7/18, \$235,000
25 Rosewood Ln, Preuss, Justin A to Goyzueta, Alvaro E, 7/22, \$351,000

39 Anthony Rd, Oliveira, Daniel A and Oliveira, Kimberly B to Sayadoff, Kathleen W and Sayadoff, Kristen M, 7/19, \$513,000

BOZRAH
Canada Pass, Community LD LLC to Erimide, Susan and Erimide, Emmanuel, 7/21, \$14,000
51 Goshen Rd, Caron, Lillian M to Davis, Krystal A and Davis, Joshua, 7/21, \$285,000

BRANFORD
7 Jourdan Rd, Ciarleglio, Jennifer to Wietz-man, Darlene M and Lacko, George R, 7/18, \$530,000
13 Jefferson Woods, Finelli Jr, Anthony to Cole, Donna, 7/19, \$159,900

13 Monticello Dr Lot 13, Finelli Jr, Anthony to Cole, Donna, 7/19, \$159,900

15 Hart Ave, Sandler, Lisa M to Golicz, Julie F, 7/19, \$1,520,000

17 N Main St, Dombrowski Joseph P Est and Majchrzak, John to 17 North Main St LLC, 7/14, \$250,000

30 Hunting Ridge Farms Rd, 30 Hunting Ridge LLC to Brombaugh, Mark and Nichols, Kathryn, 7/19, \$615,000

45 Jefferson Rd Lot 4N, Martyn Jr, Raymond F to Alston, Dawn, 7/19, \$125,000

47 Acorn Rd, Arditto Jr, Edward P and Arditto, Carol M to Foley, Teresa M and Foley, Finbar T, 7/20, \$663,486

77 Colebrook Ct Lot B, Phinney, Shawn to New Haven Holdings LLC, 7/14, \$93,000

81 Main St Lot 34C, Chioicchio, Vincent J to Ghidossi, Jana and Post, Christopher, 7/19, \$145,000

81 Main St Lot 10B, Gallicchio, Michael A and Gallicchio, Anthony to Contento 3rd, Frank, 7/19, \$170,000

83 Shore Dr, Bouley, Peter R and Butler, Rachel S to Beaulieu, Allison L, 7/19, \$200,000

153 Monticello Dr Lot 153, Wu, Charley Z

and Alping, Lin to Abreu, Cristian, 7/18, \$245,008

181 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 181, DiGiacomo, David and Barcomb, Jason to Kenn, Cheryl D and Kenn, Stephanie, 7/19, \$480,000

190 Maple St, Nigosanti, Tracy and Bontatibus, Gene to Fafard, Bonnie A and Fafard, Marc J, 7/15, \$579,900

204 Clark Ave, M Ganeau&B Dahl T and Dahl, Barbara to Adams, Aiyana M and Adams, Christopher B, 7/18, \$950,000

250 N Main St, 250 North Main St LLC to 250 North Main Hldg LLC, 7/15, \$2,000,000

701 Plymouth Colony Lot 701, Preston, Jonathan M and Saajan, Amanda P to Bemis, Frederick C and Bemis, Cynthia, 7/15, \$220,000

BRIDGEPORT
Chapel St, Nutmeg Adjusters Inc to HRPG LLC, 7/18, \$515,000

Embassy Towers Condo Lot 8S, New Cencury LLC to Ngangu, Ngari, 7/14, \$130,000

Jones Ave, Lazzard, Joseph C to Royal Realty Hldg LLC, 7/13, \$237,600

Seeley St, Kowalewski, Scott to 41 Edwards LLC, 7/14, \$250,000

9 Nob Hill Cir Lot 9, Foreste, Samuel and Foreste, Natacha to Gouves, Nereida V, 7/14, \$150,000

25 Myron Ave, 25 Myron LLC to Macera, Domenico, 7/18, \$325,000

29 Nob Hill Cir Lot C, Baize, Michael and Baize, Donna to John, Edal C, 7/14, \$95,000

41 Edwards St, Kowalewski, Scott to 41 Edwards LLC, 7/14, \$250,000

43 Edwards St, Kowalewski, Scott to 41 Edwards LLC, 7/14, \$250,000

55 Rose St, Carde, Jorge and Carde, Maria to Estrada, Jorge, 7/13, \$285,000

56-58 Taft Ave, Ibarra, Patricia to Desousa, Gilson, 7/18, \$385,000

74 Cole St Lot 114, Breland, Matthew to Mann, Darcie, 7/15, \$92,500

74 Harlem Ave, Reyes, Abraham and Reyes, Caroline to Dawson, Emerson, 7/18, \$335,000

158 Jones Ave, Lazzard, Joseph C to Royal Realty Hldg LLC, 7/13, \$150,100

164 Jones Ave, Lazzard, Joseph C to Royal Realty Hldg LLC, 7/13, \$237,700

174 Jones Ave, Royal Realty Hldg LLC to Jean Holdings LLC, 7/13, \$293,029

176 Jones Ave, Royal Realty Hldg LLC to Jean Holdings LLC, 7/13, \$293,029

177-179 Hurd Ave, Pires, Jose M to New Wave Holdings LLC, 7/19, \$325,000

183 Alpine St, Franklin, Brenda to Caiza, Fanny L and Huartacho, Jesus E, 7/18, \$390,000

185 Alpine St, Franklin, Brenda to Caiza, Fanny L and Huartacho, Jesus E, 7/18, \$390,000

188 Jones Ave, Lazzard, Joseph C to Royal Realty Hldg LLC, 7/13, \$221,600

267 Congress St, Nutmeg Adjusters Inc to HRPG LLC, 7/18, \$515,000

339 Amsterdam Ave, Erodici Rosina Est and Erodici, Michael to Porter, Mark A and Porter, Donna M, 7/18, \$320,000

351 Clinton Ave, Dornfhe, Juliana and Amankwah, Richard to Decorum&Associates LLC, 7/18, \$650,000

353 Clinton Ave, Dornfhe, Juliana and Amankwah, Richard to Decorum&Associates LLC, 7/18, \$650,000

436 Soundview Ave, Robinson, Alicia to Larmorn, Desiree, 7/18, \$265,000

467 Gregory St, Alicki, Anthony and Alicki, Krissa to Aguilera, Jonathan and Aguilera, Louise, 7/13, \$409,900

471 Gregory St, Alicki, Anthony and Alicki, Krissa to Aguilera, Jonathan and Aguilera, Louise, 7/13, \$409,900

473 Pearl Harbor St, 473-475 Pearl Hbr St LLC to 79 Lansing LLC, 7/13, \$225,000

473 Wayne St, Defilippo, Michael A to Lowes Construction LLC, 7/18, \$900,000

475 Pearl Harbor St, 473-475 Pearl Hbr St LLC to 79 Lansing LLC, 7/13, \$225,000

479 Wayne St, Defilippo, Michael A to Lowes Construction LLC, 7/18, \$900,000

538 Queen St, Dorn, Georgette and Dorn, Steven to Salomao, Marcos and Salomao, Helaine, 7/19, \$249,000

650 Jewett Ave, Santacrose Marilyn Est and Santacrose, Joseph P to Richardson, Clarence, 7/14, \$350,000

1381 Norman St, Lucien Investors LLC to Aldridge, Jared and Aldridge, Lovenda, 7/19, \$369,900

1451 Iranian Ave, Funes, Nay and Kang, Timothy C to Rodriguez, Noe R and Novas, Leyley M, 7/18, \$389,000

1507-1513 Stratford Ave, 1507 Stratford LLC to 1515 Stratford LLC, 7/14, \$720,000

1748 Reservoir Ave, Equity T Co to Rojas, Guadalupe M, 7/19, \$270,000

1860 Seaview Ave, Orobicha Phe American Corp to Fraser, Radeloff and Thompson, Camille, 7/14, \$460,000

2625 Park Ave Lot 8S, New Cencury LLC to Ngangu, Ngari, 7/14, \$130,000

3250 Fairfield Ave Lot 223, Lee, Katherine to Uddin, Mdkaam, 7/15, \$250,000

BRIDGEWATER
85 Quarry Rd, Keane, Sandra J to Jermansen, Daniel and Jermansen, Michelle, 7/18, \$490,000

BRISTOL
Greystone Ave, Jankoski, David M to Oszmian, Monika M, 7/22, \$39,000

12 Bayberry Dr, Manivong, Sengphet to Hauslaib, Scott, 7/20, \$187,000

16 Nutmeg Rd, Pepe, James and Pepe, Michele to Morgan, Trokon and Millspaugh, Elyssa, 7/18, \$340,000

22 Kelley St, Miah, Manir to Krotz, Thomas, 7/21, \$239,900

32 Benjamin St, Pilewski, Denise J to Lagasse, Naomi, 7/22, \$250,000

32 Twining St, Gosselin, Seth to Collazo, Julio, 7/19, \$244,000

33 Boulder Dr, Giovannucci, Mario A and Giovannucci, Andrea C to Dunn, Daniel and Radomski, Christine, 7/21, \$382,500

37 Hillside Pl, Loch View LLC to Dela-cruz-Ramirez, Ramon A and Amarante-Roa, Adria A, 7/21, \$190,000

54 Brookview Cir Lot 54, Fragola Enterprises LLC to Giovannucci, Mario and Giovannucci, Andrea, 7/21, \$362,900

60 Simpkins Dr, Rita S Southey Fam IRT and Southey, Robert M to Okeefe, Kelly T and Porter, Kelsey, 7/20, \$319,000

63 Overlook Ave, Pixon, Gregory and Dorbuck, Douglas to Modeste, Tracey, 7/18, \$220,000

65 Hollyberry Rd, Moskowitz, Mark D to Asare, Isaac and Asare, Oforiwa, 7/20, \$650,000

77 Sunnysdale Ave, Cherry, Lynn and Holden, Colleen to Piccolo, Kenneth, 7/19, \$233,000

80 Divinity St, Barbosa, Joseph to Milo-Dit-ulio, Lisa, 7/19, \$240,000

89 Oakland St, Larke, Matthew G and Larke, Elizabeth to Kanachovski, Justin M and Kanachovski, Kimberly A, 7/20, \$325,000

151 Oakland St, Myers, Krystal to Brown, Cara M and Spencer, Nathan, 7/20, \$264,900

203 Beths Ave, Brown, Yolanda and Brown Sr, Lorenzo F to Saint John, Fred D and Saint John, Gayle L, 7/18, \$275,000

216 Blakeslee St Lot 216, Tarlowski, Kristy Lee to Kshitzit, 7/22, \$115,000

246 Lake Ave, Trebilli Corp to Human Resources Agency, 7/19, \$169,000

253 Beths Ave, Lacroix Jr, Jean Marc to Gray, Elsie, 7/20, \$370,000

295 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 11, Britch, Alexander to Freimuth, Michelle A, 7/21, \$85,000

390 Main St, 390 Main Street LLC to Gene-rowsicz, Marivic and Generowicz, Marinella, 7/20, \$345,000

489 Wolcott St Lot 107, Charles, Amy to Munich, Delvin, 7/18, \$157,000

658 Stafford Ave, Patel, Bharat to Pushpam2 LLC, 7/21, \$655,000

705 Lake Ave Lot 8, Damico, Assunta A to Maldonado, Evaristo, 7/18, \$175,000

BROOKFIELD
N/A, Fedigan, Brian M and Fedigan, Marga-ret M to Sirva Relocation Props, 7/18, \$545,039

3 Falls Dr, Ondrey, Aaron A and Ondrey, Jacqueline L to Heneghan, Laura, 7/18, \$875,000

3 Inas Rd, Sirva Relocation Props to Mackey, Daniel E and Mackey, Dinadra K, 7/18, \$545,039

4 Ashliegh Ln, Martone, David and Martone, Dorothy to Lawrence, Kaitlin J and Lawrence, Adam F, 7/22, \$700,000

6 Fredlys Ln, Grossman, Mark W to Alrifraie, Omar A, 7/20, \$350,000

7 Eastview Dr Lot 7, Kalish, Andrew E and Kalish, Suzanne J to Otferrall, Ingrid, 7/22, \$320,000

11 Squire Ct, Woronick, Michael T and Woronick, Andrea to Hariga, Chris and Daniela-Hariga, Andreea, 7/18, \$575,000

14 Surrey Dr, Fridas, Anna and Antzoulis, James to Smith, Brian and Smith, Jessicas, 7/20, \$570,000

21 Andover Ct Lot 21, Melendez, Daniel to Hunt, Karen, 7/18, \$222,000

58 Indian Trl, Elyse M Hoelzer RET and Hoel-zer, Elyse M to Seeley, Laura, 7/18, \$675,000

BROOKLYN
Allen Hill Rd, Bissonnette, Aida C to Host-man, Curtis and Hostman, Sarah, 7/19, \$60,000

9 Whitebrook Dr, Warren, Deborah A and Warren Jr, James A to Solanki, Chirag D, 7/19, \$522,500

23 Pomfret Rd, T&B 21 LLC to Soffel, Claude A, 7/18, \$126,500

BURLINGTON
7 Hollyberry Ln, Daigle, Bruce H and Daigle, Yalina Z to Bradrick, Austin T and Varsell-Bradrick, Amy, 7/18, \$590,000

43 School House Hl, Pompa, Nora to Davis, Jeffrey D and Davis, Bethany A, 7/18, \$95,000

88 E Shore Blvd, Barry, Amber G to Koczon, Elise, 7/18, \$262,000

112 Mountain Spring Rd, Sonstroem, Kim D and Sonstroem, Rose M to Kelley, Ryan P, 7/18, \$615,000

CANAAAN
15 Prospect St, Mary B Peterson RET and Peterson, Mary B to Mills, Rachel, 7/20, \$475,000

CANTERBURY
276 Colburn Rd, Magnuson, Jason R and Magnuson, Lindsey B to Harrison, George M and Harrison, Rachel R, 7/21, \$525,000

CANTON
30 High Hill Rd, Dowden, Tracey to Kris-lunas, Evan and Krislunas, Laine, 7/19, \$342,000

514 Dowd Ave Lot 514, Sok, Stephen F to Chavers, Desiri and Chavers, Thery, 7/19, \$170,000

CHESHIRE
Lynwood Dr, Silver Lining Hm CT LLC to Kirchberg, Johannath G and Kirchberg, Stephanie J, 7/22, \$455,000

12 S Pond Cir, Thuerk, Judson H and Thuerk, Karen C to Suarez, Oscar and Caruso, Jennifer, 7/18, \$575,000

23 Mayview Ave, Petonito, James and Frost, Valerie to Nasiri, Paiman U, 7/18, \$227,500

35 Atwater Pl, M&T Bank to Cipully, Kyle L, 7/18, \$300,000

36 Iris Ct, Samuelson, William M and Samu-elson, Kathleen D to Jarrin, Kayla and Jarrin, Christopher, 7/20, \$587,500

57 Fernwood Ln, Miller, Mandy and Melillo, Ralph to Aichelman, Caitlyn and Gambar-della, Michael, 7/21, \$382,000

88 Elmwood Dr, Miyar, Kevin B to Velas-quez, Michael and Velasquez, Shelby, 7/20, \$390,000

144 Fairway Dr Lot 144, Hanover, Susan S and Pelletier, Kerry H to Groom, Holly A and Groom, Teryl, 7/19, \$217,000

590 Wiese Rd, Schmaling, Bradley and Schmaling, Brooke to Betancourt, Adriana B and Betancourt, Julian P, 7/18, \$435,000

643 Maple Ave, Dennis, Richard O and Dennis, Kristi A to Chih, Michael and Chin, Leigh Marie, 7/20, \$471,000

649 Overlook Dr, Hunt, Paul W and Hunt, Susan J to Munoz-Gonzalez, Matias N and Munoz-Gonzalez, Paula, 7/19, \$276,000

1025 Wolf Hill Rd, Denimome, Aniello and Desimone, Christine to Couse, Erli and Vadala, David, 7/20, \$495,000

1187 Highview Tr, Kearns, Sarah A and Kearns, Ronald W to Singer, Joshua M and Singer, Mandy, 7/18, \$410,000

CHESTER
8 Turkey Hill Rd, Siegel, Kyle B and Siegel, Christine C to Stmartin, Christie A and Boehringer, Jesse A, 7/19, \$515,000

CLINTON
Beach Park Rd, Debra S Feldman RET and Feldman, Debra S to Feldman, Linda, 7/20, \$58,000

Cow Hill Rd, Mcananey, Kate and Mcananey, Quinn to Macleod, Josiah and Macleod, Rebecca, 7/18, \$505,000

2 Heritage Cir, Mcananey, Kate and Mcananey, Quinn to Macleod, Josiah and Macleod, Rebecca, 7/18, \$505,000

7 Carriage Dr, Skelly, Ryan to Thomas, Amy M and Longstreth, Andrew D, 7/20, \$325,000

7 Silverbrook Ln Lot 7, Laird, Susan C to Patz, Henry J and Patz, Carolann M, 7/18, \$330,000

19 Valley Rd, Reid Testamentary FT and Cole, Stefanie J to Healy, Suzanne

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Jonathan M and Belfsky, Alexander R, 7/18, \$635,000

64 Oxbow Dr Lot B2, Crocker Mary D Est and Draghi, Marylou to Jordan, Francis E, 7/21, \$135,000

79 Bridlepath Ln, Foberg Donald H Est and Peterson, Deborah F to Grabowski, Colleen H and Vassalo, Robert, 7/19, \$295,000

81 Duxbury Ln, Bakr, Sarah to Jensen-Brown, Emily J, 7/21, \$599,000

87 Spring St, Silva, Troy to Cole, Teri L, 7/21, \$280,000

106-108 Griswold St, Leslie A Lanata RET and Lanata, Leslie A to Foundations RE LLC, 7/21, \$900,000

122 Whapley Rd, Carey, Mary C to Lacasse, Brianna and Sullivan, Megan, 7/19, \$350,000

145 Lexington Rd, Mehr, John R and Mehr, Charlene L to Akier, Elizabeth, 7/21, \$355,800

260 3 Mile Rd, Morgenstein, Sarah A and Morgenstein, Noah R to Ziomek, Noah C and Ziomek, Josephine E, 7/21, \$465,000

1654 Main St, Reid, Donald B to Moss, Jonathan R and Moss, Nani P, 7/19, \$646,500

1862 Chalker Hl, Newbury Homes Co LLC to Ripberger, Gregory and Villegas, Leonela, 7/20, \$820,000

GOSHEN

16 Bueford Ct, Leidigh, Catherine D to Baer, Karen F and Baer, Paul R, 7/18, \$550,500

560 Sharon Tpke, Schaer, Carrie L to Dunleavy, Jennifer and Waxman, Anita, 7/18, \$290,000

GRANBY

36 Barn Door Hills Rd, Guirgis, George G and Guirgis, Peggy L to Woodrell, Brenda K and Woodrell, Frederick D, 7/18, \$719,900

GREENWICH

Fawn Rdg Lot 36, Catania Marie T Est and Catania, Charles to Salem, Rania and Alkadry, Mohamad, 7/21, \$1,250,000

Khakum Wood Rd, Ward Jr, Tom S to David B Macfarlane RET and Macfarlane, David B, 7/18, \$4,650,000

Richard St Lot 168, Neiman, Catherine W and Neiman, Vanessa L to As For Me&My House LLC, 7/21, \$1,061,000

Riversville Rd, Yan, Jeffrey and Yan, Ping to Dokton, Thomas and Waxman, Anita, 7/21, \$1,800,000

5 Meadow Dr, James F Bell 4th RET and Bell, James F to Goldfaden, Jeffrey and Goldfaden, Lindsey, 7/18, \$77,210,000

6 Chapel Ln, Bentzen, Blake and Bentzen, Corinne to Wiesenfeld, David R, 7/22, \$2,355,000

10 Indian Pass, Oliva, Margarita to Rogers, Thomas and Fox-Rogers, Alexandra, 7/18, \$1,671,000

10 Walker Ct, Kam, Margie Y to Islam, Mafizul and Shumon, Kimberly C, 7/18, \$785,000

11 Valleywood Rd Lot 28, Holterhaus, Jason and Holterhaus, Juliana to Knox, Harold and Richardson-Knox, Ann, 7/22, \$2,250,000

11 Valleywood Rd Lot 27, Holterhaus, Jason and Holterhaus, Juliana to Knox, Harold and Richardson-Knox, Ann, 7/22, \$2,250,000

15 River Rd Lot 209, Hofer, Randolph H to Caravelli, Randy, 7/22, \$780,000

20 E Byway, Merrill P Joan Est and First County Bank to Lourenco, Fernando and Lourenco, Ana M, 7/20, \$750,000

20 Sherwood Ave, Skarzynski, Adam and Skarzynski, Malgorzata to Miller, Jason C and Miller, Hyewon P, 7/22, \$7,510,000

26 Laddins Rock Rd, Baywatch Partners LLC to Wiczorek, Miroslaw and Wiczorek, Barbara, 7/19, \$2,100,000

27 Stepping Stone Ln, Wachsman, Gregory M and Wachsman, Melissa L to Abdusalomova Bakaney Est and Abdusalomova, Bakanay, 7/20, \$2,700,000

30 Mary Ln Lot 30, Gasiorowski, John S to Repaswal, Jagdish, 7/22, \$780,000

35 Druid Ln, Bruegge Carl M V Est and Bruegge, Frederick M to Stocker, Camilla J and Stocker, Guyphilip W, 7/19, \$1,800,000

40 Butler St, Perry, Rapsalie and Fiorito, Rose C to Morchocho, Jose, 7/18, \$977,000

68 Summit Rd, Kapp, Jerome F to Amin Construction LLC, 7/20, \$1,330,000

77 Sherwood Ave, Harris, Christopher and Harris, Nicole to Cunningham, Mark and Cunningham, Shannon, 7/22, \$4,100,152

95 Putnam Park Lot 95, Froomer, Susan B and Boyner, Janet F to K E&S Wboyer LT 2022 and Wboyer, K E, 7/19, \$603,000

121 Round Hill Rd, Betteridge 4th, Albert E and Betteridge, Natalie R to 121 Round Hl Rd Nom RET and Ward Jr, Tom S, 7/18, \$2,250,000

136 Lockwood Rd, 136 Lockwood LLC to Vasquez, Juan C, 7/18, \$3,100,000

166 W Putnam Ave, G Investments 3 LLC to 166 West Putnam LLC, 7/20, \$1,600,000

182 Milbank Ave Lot 4, Hansen, Karin to Kambeltz, Olandir, 7/18, \$1,950,000

GRISWOLD

Edmond Rd, Gervais, William L to Quinn, Patrick J, 7/13, \$325,000

7 Parker Ave Lot 3, Ever Real Properties LLC to Wilkes, Renee and Heap, Cory D, 7/22, \$144,500

29 Jennings St, Principe, Barbara to Soto, Ricardo and Soto, Dominique, 7/19, \$272,000

30 Jennings St, Principe, Barbara to Soto, Ricardo and Soto, Dominique, 7/19, \$68,000

70 Brown Ave Lot 18, Ever Real Properties LLC to Doan, Tracy, 7/18, \$145,000

311 Rixtown Rd, Waters, Kristopher and Waters, Courtney to Cutrone, Danielle M and Cutrone, Lee J, 7/18, \$465,000

GROTON

North Rd, Waugh, Elaine E to Taft, Nicholas, 7/15, \$220,000

Route 84, Fisher, Robert A to Abe, Kazuaki and Abe, Atsuko, 7/12, \$280,000

8 Ice House Ln, Bergman RE Co LLC to Citarrelli, Lana, 7/12, \$200,000

11 Park Pl, Cassidy, Diana C and Pearson, Diana C to Applemans Point LLC, 7/14, \$505,000

15 Clubhouse Point Rd, Calderwood, Janis to Munn, Ray D and Muchard, Christine, 7/20, \$1,140,000

26 Central Ave, Favorite LLC to Sandoval-Berganza, Oscar C, 7/18, \$135,000

27 W Elderkin Ave, Garagliano, Irene to Gushurst, Margaret M, 7/19, \$209,900

30 Cobblestone Rd Lot 30, Ji, Changhua and Chen, Yun to Osborne, James F, 7/19, \$200,000

49 Midway Oval, Cherie-West, Jules to Morocho-Moroch, Pablo F and Muresan, Mihaela A, 7/13, \$200,000

238 Baker Ave Ext, Hauser, Janice A to McBrien, Susan B, 7/21, \$303,000

876 Buddington Rd, Trinh, Phoung T and Tang, Dan C to Raheem, Jwan A, 7/18, \$499,900

GUILFORD

64 Adirondack Ln, Brender, Timothy and Brender, Amy C to Pioreschi, Brandon E and Pioreschi, Lilian P, 7/19, \$1,170,000

25 Beta Ave, Coastal Vent Ent Inc to Santoro, Amy, 7/18, \$410,000

32 Chaffinch Island Rd, Kennedy, Mark S to Rader, Matthew J and Mahaschariyaphong, Pantipaa, 7/21, \$365,000

64 Spruce Hill Dr, Dietzko, Stephen R to Horvath, Balazs and Cross, Sarah, 7/18, \$875,000

95 Boston Post Rd, Poppellwell, James M to 95 BPR LLC, 7/22, \$140,000

281 Peddlers Rd, Caruso, Jason and Caruso, Jill to Conti, Michael R and Knott, Elizabeth A, 7/20, \$705,000

425 Maupas Rd, Leblanc, Jeanne M to Adkins, Sarah and Adkins, Delia, 7/20, \$450,000

427 Peddlers Rd, Pattagansett Hldg LLC to Patel, Tejaskumar V and Patel, Vinodhbhai, 7/20, \$800,994

475 Peddlers Rd, Pattagansett Hldg LLC to Rubin, Meghan C and Rubin, William F, 7/19, \$653,792

490 3 Corners Rd, Caciopoli Dominic J Est and Wilkins Jr, Robert C to Patch, Nathan G and Dollars, Alexis M, 7/20, \$800,000

492 County Rd, Gochman, Julie and Nadolna, Andrew to Cooper, Carl and Cooper, Sarah, 7/22, \$595,000

1987 Long Hill Rd, Bailey Sr, William to Kelly, Mary C and Amerling, Richard D, 7/18, \$319,000

HADDAM

17 Teaberry Ct, Houde, Jeffrey W and Houde, Susan M to Segal, Susan and Bills, Julian, 7/19, \$575,000

70 Burr Rd, Parkland Venture LLC to Rambo, Danielle and Rambo, Michael G, 7/19, \$605,000

243 Pokorny Rd, Prokop, Lisa A to Beekley, Joanne and Beekley, Paul, 7/18, \$481,000

HAMPTON

692 Pudding Hill Rd, Krohn, Corey to Benoit, Stephanie and Stewart, Cameron, 7/19, \$367,500

HARTFORD

Maple Ave Mews Condo Lot 7, Howdy, William to Knight, Clifford, 7/21, \$10,000

Russ St, USA HUD to Sanchez, Kevin M and Sanchez, Luis M, 7/19, \$260,000

11 Bates St, Diaz M Edna Est and Miranda, Hiram to Torres, Jose L and Vega, Annette, 7/18, \$245,000

16 Clay St Lot B, Robinson, Dominique to James, Drosdale, 7/20, \$50,000

26 Ellington St, Gervais, William J and Gervais, Robert J to Baragan-Gatica, Catalino and Mateo, Iris F, 7/21, \$195,000

34-36 Pily St, Al J Britt Enterprise LLC to North Hartford Hsng T LLC, 7/21, \$420,000

37-39 Julius St, Ziegler, Amanda to French, Mark A, 7/20, \$405,000

38-40 Sanford St, 38-40 Sanford LLC to 38 Sanford Street LLC, 7/18, \$255,000

40 Owen St Lot E10, Li, Shuzhao to Merekar, Reyhan and Merekar, Aqil, 7/22, \$78,000

66 Harold St, Cooper, Joan to Laing, Delroy and Laing, Nadesha A, 7/19, \$320,000

111-113 Rosemont St, Robertson, Gregory to Astwood Jr, Nmarshall, 7/21, \$161,000

129-131 Standish St, Lopez, Jose and Lopez, Maria O to Rodriguez, Edwin R, 7/21, \$300,000

165 Princeton St, Ortiz, Pedro and Ortiz, Thelma to Hurtado, Yvonne, 7/18, \$215,000

234 Putnam St Lot A, Rabun, Tisa to Hannford, Shantel S, 7/18, \$117,500

266-268 Capen St, Dash, Mammie and Pelzer, Shelly to Matsuk, Viacheslav, 7/18, \$215,000

339-341 Hillside Ave, Mendoza, Francisco to Harvest Assets Mgmt LLC, 7/21, \$250,000

353-355 Sigourney St, Jones, Martin to Sigourney LLC, 7/18, \$200,000

609 Farmington Ave, 609 Farmington Pertners to 609 Farmington LLC, 7/20, \$900,000

714 Prospect Ave, Andeson, Tyler and Steпка, Melanie to Busby, Gabrielle M and Busby, Dwayne D, 7/21, \$630,000

1280 Asylum Ave Lot 5E, Colon, Jose to Stanley, Alexander, 7/18, \$245,000

3390 Main St, Hooks, Vincent L to Burke, Isorene H, 7/18, \$250,000

HARTLAND

47 South Rd, Blake, Deborah J to Alfano, Benjamin, 7/19, \$220,000

HARWINTON

N/A, Pickett Brook Property to Martin, Michael and Secor, Meghan E, 7/19, \$150,000

22 Hannahs Way, Targa 1 LLC to August, Christine M, 7/21, \$466,341

15 Plymouth Rd, Lipovsky, Matthew to Deforest-Webb, James and McClure, Jessica, 7/21, \$399,000

HEBRON

19 Wildflower Dr, Stone, Sharon P and Stone, David W to Averbukh, Borys, 7/20, \$435,000

76 East St, Southside NSP 2018 1 REO to Dolan, Scott A and Porter, Douglas M, 7/19, \$165,000

30 Mary Ln Lot 30, Gasiorowski, John S to Repaswal, Jagdish, 7/22, \$780,000

35 Druid Ln, Bruegge Carl M V Est and Bruegge, Frederick M to Stocker, Camilla J and Stocker, Guyphilip W, 7/19, \$1,800,000

40 Butler St, Perry, Rapsalie and Fiorito, Rose C to Morchocho, Jose, 7/18, \$977,000

KENT

217 Macedonia Rd, Lynch, Dylan T to 217M LLC, 7/18, \$380,000

KILLINGLY

3 Church St, Ria&Kate LLC to Williams, Joseph W, 7/19, \$165,000

10 S River Ln, Fitteau, Robert A and Fitteau, Linda J to Negron, Luis G, 7/21, \$325,000

61 Brookside Dr, Blinkhorn, Anthony J and Blinkhorn, Leeanne to Hasenzahl, Joshua, 7/20, \$360,000

110 Brickhouse Rd, Radtke, Edward and Radtke, Kelley to Pizzanella, Matthew M and Pizzanella, Tiffany L, 7/18, \$400,000

110 Dark Lantern Hill Rd, Benjamin Donald R Est and Benjamin, Dione M to Ilson, William and Noble, Cassie, 7/19, \$435,000

840 Cook Hill Rd, Reynolds, David A and Reynolds, Kathleen T to Durand, Cheryl E and Baker, Francis A, 7/19, \$318,000

944 N Main St, Caron Racine F Jr Est and Taylor, Pearl A to Mendoza, Renzo, 7/19, \$415,000

KILLINGWORTH

12 Cedar Dr, Kennedy, Gregory K and Kennedy, Heather M to Maragliano, Jude and Maragliano, Elise, 7/18, \$437,000

LEBANON

Deepwood Dr, Reed Jr, Richard E and Reed, Patricia A to Lugli, Robert and Dibella, Louanne, 7/21, \$183,000

7 Elyse Ln, Hincley, Catherine M to Sherman, Richard, 7/21, \$165,000

590 Tobacco St, Drum, Ronald R and Drum, Barbara H to Lucas, Daryl and Lucas, Ruth, 7/21, \$405,000

LEDYARD

10 Lakeside Dr Lot N, Lemus, Frank E to Wright, Brian and Barker-Wright, Kerri, 7/20, \$144,400

13 Chideley Way, R&N Hldg Co LLC to Stubbs, Shirley and Stubbs, Roosevelt, 7/20, \$85,000

29 Homestead Rd, Waugh, Elaine to Keegan, Peter and Keegan, Christine, 7/20, \$457,000

1538 Route 12 Lot A8, Sunderland, Sean to Roneya, Eric, 7/18, \$110,000

LISBON

35 Busnet Hill Rd, Mcelwee, Christopher N to Busanet, William and Santiago, Amanda, 7/20, \$400,000

LITCHFIELD

Little Pitch Rd, Green, Gregory M and Green, Robin P to Green, Quentin S and Green, Katilin, 7/19, \$50,000

28 Roosevelt Ave, Mazzone, Gail L and Mazzone, Joseph to Scilibia, Bryan, 7/18, \$215,000

46 Goslee Rd, Nobrook 2 LLC to Mahieu, Lauren, 7/19, \$200,000

70 Circle Dr, Brown, Ryan B to Pavia, Lisa E, 7/18, \$275,000

159 South St, Scolnik, Louis and Masoff, Joy to Trahair, Andrew J and Trahair, Nan K, 7/18, \$2,350,000

MADISON

7 Magnolia Dr, Matthew F Coz LT and Coz, Matthew F to Semple, Craig W, 7/19, \$530,000

7 Saxon Rd, Vejar, Michael to Serra, Steven J, 7/19, \$875,000

11 Esterly Farms Rd Lot 11, Duffy, Thomas P and Duffy, Margaret L to Skeffington, Claire and Skeffington, Frank, 7/22, \$350,000

20 Jasper Ln, Santoemma, Dorianne and Santoemma, Robert to Smith, Jennie L and Smith, Walter, 7/19, \$505,000

60 Silo Hl, Leichtman, Jeffrey M to Chalmers, Melanie D and Chalmers, Timothy, 7/19, \$761,000

76 River Edge Farms Rd, Helfrich, Joseph F and Hulmes-Helfrich, Melinda to Geiman, Robert and Oks, Tatyana, 7/21, \$1,825,000

205 Dorset Ln, Newman Sr, Robert G and Newman, Michele S to Desmarais, Michael and Burns, Erin E, 7/18, \$650,000

479 Opening Hill Rd, Palo, Alison L to Samsky, Marc D and Goldstein, Sara A, 7/21, \$925,000

MANCHESTER

9 Thompson Rd Lot H, 9 Thompson Road LLC to Delossantos, Piegro A, 7/14, \$85,000

15 Oakland St, Shamash, Rahim and Shamash, Sherry to Pereira, Vanessa and Damora, Joseph W, 7/19, \$245,000

54 Spring St, Moffitt Jr, Arthur and Moffitt, Mary to Luzny, Ledgen L and Allen, Rebecca, 7/15, \$280,000

78 Pilgrim Ln, Moriconi, Ronald and Moriconi, Norma Y to Spence, Adrian L and Spence, Latia P, 7/15, \$325,000

125 Hollister St, Simmons, Gary M and Alt-Simmons, Rachel S to Serrano, Rafael and Torres, Laura, 7/18, \$275,000

170 Hale Rd, Tedesco Realty Group Inc to Pal RE Investments LLC, 7/14, \$750,000

199 Homestead St Lot C11, Caruso, Jonathan P to Moreira, Olga and Moreira, Jose, 7/19, \$145,000

235 Spruce St, GRW Enterprises LLC to Allen, Shelia, 7/19, \$239,900

361 Middle Tpke E, Hooper, Smith to Wittig Properties LLC, 7/18, \$135,000

560 Woodbridge St, Anderson, David L to Rodriguez, Luis B, 7/18, \$230,000

935 Main St Lot D101, CGG LLC to Kirschbaum Rlty Mancheste, 7/18, \$115,000

MANSFIELD

40 Samuel Ln Lot 40, Babali, Taner and Babali, Kadire to Kunga, Simon, 7/18, \$285,000

214 Stafford Rd, DBZ LLC to 214 Stafford Rd Mansfield, 7/19, \$400,000

955 Warrenville Rd, Cawthra Jr, William M and Cawthra 2nd, William M to Maguire, Jeffrey, 7/18, \$305,000

1673 Stafford Rd, Raymond, Kevin D to Rosa, Brandon A and Rosa, Samatha A, 7/19, \$300,000

MARLBOROUGH

23 N Main St, RDD LLC to Grasshopper LLC, 7/18, \$225,000

MERIDEN

6 Sunbriht Dr S, 60 South Street LLC to Meriden Hills Baptist Chu, 7/19, \$190,000

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Corcillo-Weiland, M A to Moriarty, Steven and Moriarty, Susan, 7/19, \$18,000

ORANGE

31 Lakeside Dr, Oak Tree Development LLC to Procopio, Rosa M, 7/22, \$186,000
141 Old Tavern Rd, Torrenti Beatrice D Est and Torrenti, E Eugene to Rigoglioso, Joseph P, 7/18, \$575,000
311 Hilltop Rd, Rousseau, Christopher and Rousseau, Ching M to Nolan, Thomas and Nolan, Laurie, 7/18, \$470,000
513 Howellton Rd, Nyerick, Robert W to Rana, Bhupendra and Rana, Trina, 7/18, \$480,000
572 Treat Ln, Amanov, Palvan and Amanov, Jamal to Barone, Salvatore and Barone, Denise, 7/18, \$545,000

OXFORD

4 Eames Dr, Tirella Ralph C Jr Est and Tirella, Kevin P to Byrd, Darren and Byrd, Casey, 7/18, \$192,333
4 Eames Dr, Tirella, Patrick and Miner, Elaine to Byrd, Darren and Byrd, Casey, 7/18, \$384,667
16 Pine St, Flokos, Arthur J and Flokos, Corinne I to Gomes, Paulo and Avalos, Eduardo A, 7/19, \$455,000
21 Chauncey Dr, Fabian, Edward J and Klingaman, Sandra D to Barreira, Alexander V and Barreira, Kristen M, 7/15, \$630,000
21 Cortland Pl, Struzik, Thomas B and Struzik, Patricia to Anishchyk, Nataliya, 7/18, \$480,000
21 E Commerce Dr, Oxford Town Of to 589 Investments LLC, 7/15, \$105,000
93 Hogs Back Rd, Engstrom, Deborah A and Perkowski, Michael to Kundert, William and Mucherino, Michele, 7/15, \$419,000
136 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, Gattton, Ryan J to Stunkel, Bradley and Stunkel, Alissa, 7/18, \$445,000
137 Meadow Brook Rd Lot 137, Dekarz, Elzbieta to Cataudella, Vincent G and Cataudella, Diane L, 7/19, \$484,000
475 Roosevelt Dr, Jachimowski, Cynthia and Jachimowski, Cynthia L to Hro Properties LLC, 7/19, \$275,000
599 Chestnut Tree Hill Rd, Buppal Jr, Frank J to Seewald, Jennifer L and Seewald, Brad, 7/19, \$339,000
1057 Augusta Dr Lot 1057, Flaherty, Robert J and Flaherty, Deborah W to Frezza, Donna M, 7/19, \$474,900

PLAINFIELD

16 Pine St, Hebert, Jeffery M to Szydio, Shane, 7/21, \$293,000
21-23 E Main St, Central Village Apt LLC to Rahman, Shahriar, 7/21, \$215,000
42-44 Church St, Absoliffe Properties LLC to Packard, Brooke E, 7/20, \$230,000
94-100 S Walnut St, Melendez, Griselda and Melendez, Kevin to Leblanc, Nicholas and Pearlstein, Zachary, 7/18, \$299,000
373 Lathrop Rd, Falanga Joseph J Sr Est and Allison, Steven M to Scofield, Brittany M, 7/19, \$275,000

PLAINVILLE

36 Whispering Pines Dr Lot 13, Newport Willow Brk Partn to Meneo, Patricia S, 7/19, \$410,655
76 Broad St, MMTD Associates LLC to 76 Broad Lessor LLC, 7/19, \$350,000

PLYMOUTH

5 Hickory St, Mir Properties LLC to Ortiz, Reynaldo and Ortiz, Ilana, 7/20, \$295,000
17 Canal St, Patim LLC to SNJ Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$400,000
24 Eagle St, Birdsall, Mary E to Condren, Jake A, 7/19, \$250,000
28 N Riverside Ave, Gagnon, Cheryl A to Harlow, Courtney, 7/20, \$130,000
29 High St, Morneau, David to Birdsall, Mary E, 7/20, \$300,000
108 N Harwinton Ave, Monroe, Scott to Risdon, Justin K, 7/22, \$45,000
724 Pine Hill Blvd Lot 724, Carretta, Patricia A to Guba, Helena, 7/19, \$245,000

POMFRET

161 Brooklyn Rd, Mather, Caitlin A and Mather, Jacob to Serating, Erik R and Serating, Michelle C, 7/19, \$390,000
284 Jericho Rd, Mather, Caitlin A and Mather, Jacob to Serating, Erik R and Serating, Michelle C, 7/19, \$390,000

PORTLAND

16 Karen Dr, Burke, Christopher J to Fraser, Matthew, 7/18, \$430,000
48 E Main St, Yeaw, Christopher T to Melien, Timothy and Melien, Paula, 7/20, \$280,000
179 Ames Hollow Rd, M&R Custom Homes LLC to Law, Evelyn B and Sienkiewicz, Beau T, 7/19, \$399,900

PRESTON

9 Mains Way, Auerbach, David M and Auerbach, Akhly to McCullough, Bruce K and Price, Amber J, 7/22, \$555,000
99 Branch Hill Rd, Cipriano Jr, Frank J to

Rossi FT and Rossi, Linda D, 7/19, \$500,000

PROSPECT

192 Straitsville Rd, Anderson, Kurt W to Hamelin, Diane L, 7/19, \$300,000
206 Cook Rd, Dasilva, Lori A to Garvin, William A, 7/22, \$235,000

PUTNAM

8 Genevieve St, Giurintano, Michael to Terry, Terrence, 7/21, \$340,000
33 Pleasant St, Bowen, Randy to Roy, Christine L, 7/19, \$250,000
63 Perry St Lot 105, Harris, Beverly E to Langley, Quiana T, 7/18, \$225,000

REDDING

N/A, Stewart, Daniel B to Jednak, Margaret S, 7/18, \$650,000
274 Umpawaug Rd, Daignault, David A to Freed, Laura and Ancona, Joseph, 7/21, \$1,074,143

RIDGEFIELD

3 Tackora Trl, Pagliaro, Elizabeth and Iozzo, Nancy to Kenosia Development LLC, 7/18, \$370,000
10 Old Branchville Rd, Vanwagner W Jr Est and Wagner, Lynn V to Ablon, Sylvia L, 7/20, \$450,000
11 Bryon Ave, Rosenblatt, Michael J and Rosenblatt, Amy N to Whitbeck, Gabriela, 7/18, \$2,300,000
18 Weir Farm Ln, Douglas, Brian K and Douglas, Tamara A to Mosebrook, Matthew and Mosebrook, Steffanie, 7/18, \$1,500,000
20 Olcott Way Lot 20, Ah, Cheng S to Weber, William P, 7/20, \$375,000
32 Casagno Garage Lot 32, Witt, Glenn E and Witt, Kristen to Liapunov, Henrik, 7/20, \$1,800,000
32 Walnut Grove Rd, Levitt, Laurie R to Russell, Keith H and Russell, Debora D, 7/18, \$284,819
43 Jefferson Rd, Siclare, Joseph and Siclare, Karen to Beckerman, Benjamin B and Beckerman, Anna, 7/18, \$1,045,000
44 Pumping Station Rd, Scholl, Steven C and Scholl, Catherine A to Kitaychik, Igor and Kitaychik, Oksana, 7/21, \$1,230,000
45 Hussars Camp Pl, Gregory T Guillaume RET and Guillaume, Gregory T to Palmiero, Michael and Palmiero, Angela, 7/18, \$1,500,000
48 Mimosa Cir, Freeburg, William and Freeburg, Ann to Creixent, Nicolas and Lazara, Paula, 7/19, \$979,000
80 Spring Valley Rd, Szentkuti, Richard C and Szentkuti, Cynthia M to Eustace, Eleanor and Znaty, Lionel, 7/21, \$1,749,000
120 Prospect St Lot 20, Best, Phyllis to Camillos, Jason P and Glen, Melissa W, 7/20, \$575,000
173 Barlow Mountain Rd, Robert, Scott L and Robert, Vivian to Seberg, Nicholas S and Seberg, Jenna L, 7/18, \$750,000

ROCKY HILL

8 Robbins Ln Lot C, Marques, Cynthia C to K Greenfield LLC, 7/18, \$95,000
22 Hawthorne Cir, Chipkin, Evan S and Chipkin, Gwen M to Jani, Nikeshkumar P and Jani, Annapurna, 7/22, \$850,000
31 Carillon Dr Lot A, Russell, Phyllis A and Jacobs, Cynthia to Costa Jr, Carlos T, 7/18, \$160,000
103 Cedar Hollow Dr Lot 103, Lehr, Errol D and Brown, Deborah A to Turney, Ethan, 7/18, \$215,000
124 Speno Rdg, Borkowski, Jacek and Borkowski, Jadwiga to Singh, Amandeep, 7/21, \$1,030,000
200 Hayes Rd, Shateli, Luann to Garcia, Jonathan, 7/21, \$419,999
509 Carlton Ln Lot 509, Martins, Elizabeth A to Nataraj, Ganesh and Rangaraj, Vidhya, 7/20, \$250,000
87 Rumor St, Porcelain Properties LLC to Leiching, Jaclyn and Leiching, Ian, 7/18, \$425,000

ROXBURY

87 Rucum Rd, Nagy Edward J Est and Leary, Tricia D to Copley, Charles J and Grant, Elizabeth, 7/22, \$220,000
87 Rucum Rd, Nagy, James L to Copley, Charles J and Grant, Elizabeth, 7/22, \$220,000

SALEM

167 Round Hill Rd, Tierney, Shawn J and Tierney, Adrienne L to Dyjak, Andrew J, 7/19, \$396,000
420 Hartford Rd, Ross, Christopher R and Ross, Eva to Moyer, David, 7/18, \$380,000
552-554 Hartford Rd, Miller, Chriss R to Sirols, Mark and Sirols, John T, 7/21, \$323,100

SALISBURY

30 E Main St, Cooper, Evan to Conlin-Powers, Marguerite and Powers, Clyde A, 7/18, \$617,500
37 Moore Rd, Ross, Michael and Ross, Besse to Edwards, Michael and Edwards, Constance, 7/18, \$2,250,000

SEYMOUR

3 Summer Brook Way Lot 3, Edgerly, Dora to Brossman, Scott F, 7/21, \$200,000
4 Cross Creek Ln, Adamo, Amy to Zheng, Jianwei, 7/18, \$615,000
17 Lakeview Ave, Koproksi Judith C Est and Koproksi, Maureen to Speer, James W, 7/20, \$217,500
24 Silvermine Rd, Figueiredo, Thomas C to Crown Homes LLC, 7/20, \$343,375
24 Stanley Dr, Kiewlen, Matthew to Palmer, Michelle A and Reynolds, Leon V, 7/19, \$372,000
30 Grand St, Berry, Cara L to Spataro, Joshua L, 7/18, \$238,000

SHARON

37 Tichnor Rd, Murad Mark Est and Girdley, Michael to Marshall, David J, 7/21, \$2,500,000
45-47 Caroline Dr, Harper 3rd, Kenneth and Hambleton, Sally T to Hutnick, Daniel and Hutnick, William, 7/20, \$550,000

SHELTON

Dimon HI Ests Lot 12, Turco, Fred M and Turco, Diane L to BGTS Relocation Inc, 7/19, \$710,000
3 Murphys Ln Lot 10, Wernau, Susan B to Isbert, Minerva, 7/21, \$225,000
6 Wakelee Ter, Katomski, Lynda M and Katomski, Michael T to Mandolfo, Gina A and Kellerman, Morgann H, 7/18, \$270,000
7 Meeting House Ln Lot 7, Schmedlin, Marie J to M&M FT and Dangelo, Michael, 7/20, \$202,500
24 Beech Tree Hill Rd, Royce, Joshua R and Royce, Amanda L to Weinstein, Lawrence J and Weinstein, Alexis G, 7/19, \$660,000
28 Little Fox Run, Brittain, Ricardo S and Brittain, Vanessa L to Noel, Flavie, 7/20, \$428,000
29 Fairfield Ave, Godkin, Tina and Chervenetz, Angela to Roman, Taisha, 7/19, \$370,000
30 Hearthstone Dr, Uva, Maria and Uva, Patrick to Saginario 2nd, John A and Saginario, Kimberly A, 7/19, \$640,000
58 Saginaw Trl, Mallozzi, Vincent and Mallozzi, Brooke to Narrosalazar, Sony and Mogg, Kimberley, 7/19, \$362,000
190 Thoreau Dr, Jun-Jin, Jerry Z to Cabana, Lilia and Cabana, Alexander C, 7/20, \$610,000
198 Lenore Dr, BGRS Relocation Inc to Garcia De Chavez, Mariza, 7/19, \$710,000
635 Booth Hill Rd, Casolino, Laurel A to Espinoza-Reinos, Cristian and Leon, Marjorie, 7/20, \$410,000

SIMSBURY

1 West St Lot 314, Bullock, Joseph E and Majewski, Jennifer to Shepard Children T and Rogers, Lynne, 7/19, \$305,000
2 Kelly Farm Rd, Bean, Dominic M and Bean, Jennifer A to Spano 2nd, Peter V and Spano, Angela, 7/18, \$750,000
7 Grimes Brook Pl, Diamond, Todd L and Diamond, Sheila T to Ingellis, Eric E and Ingellis, Kristin F, 7/21, \$390,000
10 Fawnbrook Ln, Mason George L 3rd Est and Santhouse, Margaret M to Dasgupta, Deborshi and Roychowdhury, Nupur, 7/18, \$360,000
26 Old Meadow Plain Rd, Pinheiro, Debbie to Weedon Jr, Christopher K and Dlugozima, Michalina, 7/20, \$331,000
27 Lincoln Ln, Curreri, Joseph and Curreri, Elizabeth to Guerin, Jennifer and Guerin, Michael, 7/18, \$635,000
31 Madison Ln, Bellone, Shawna D and Bellone, Stephen G to Pescatore, Matthew J and Pescatore, Emilee R, 7/18, \$508,000
38 Carriage Dr Lot 38, Boucart, Anne to Kucharczyk, Alicia H, 7/20, \$170,000
84 Seminary Rd, Griswold, Samuel M to Bradford Gifting T and Bradford Jr, Michael F, 7/21, \$437,500
195 Firetown Rd, Fonicello, Michele R to Corley, Mark and Corley, Noreen, 7/19, \$340,000

SOMERS

15 Deerfield Dr, Gamble, Jane E to Dunkle, Megan S and Dunkle, Matthew T, 7/18, \$380,250
49 Stafford Rd, Rivera Jr, Carmelo and Rivera Jr, Carmelo to Yacteen, Khalil and Yacteen, Nicole, 7/20, \$415,000
77 Maple St, Paszek, Zbigniew to King, Betty J, 7/18, \$240,000

SOUTH WINDSOR

4 Joseph Ln, Russo, Thomas P and Russo, Jody E to Baron, Liran, 7/12, \$505,000
19 Brookfield St, Deming, Diane P to Saxena, Divya and Saxena, Adwesh, 7/22, \$280,000
40 Daisy Ln Lot 40, Davenport, Timothy C and Davenport, Sayoko O to Mohandoss, Susana and Joe, Breena J, 7/20, \$361,000
44 Manor Ln, Boisseau, Timothy and Boisseau, Rebecca to Doyle, Jeremy and Saechon, Jennifer, 7/19, \$290,000
50 Cody Cir, Cascade Sinking Mtg T to Pietri, Stephanie, 7/13, \$275,000
76 Gail Ln, Vallee, Tricia A to Kim, Nisi and Choi, Jihee, 7/18, \$492,000
111 Graham Rd, Ekstrom, Michael B and Ekstrom, Sara E to Rose, Deanna M, 7/19,

\$340,000
129 Country View Dr, Marsh Jr, David C to Le, Johnny and Nguyen, An, 7/18, \$436,000
195 Benedict Dr, Sigler, Jonathan and Sigler, Rita to Power, Egidia, 7/15, \$210,283
204 Misty Meadow Ln Lot 204, CPI Group LLC to Soni, Dharmendra and Soni, Debapriya, 7/18, \$175,000
503 Graham Rd, Lewis, Tracy M to Morgan, Edith and Morgan, Damani D, 7/14, \$315,000
704 Strawbridge, Ladue, James M to Kurker, Olivia J, 7/19, \$313,000
1204 Burr Mdw, Kuppuraj, Hariharan and Soora, Sowmiyakshmi to Ganesan, Baskaran, 7/15, \$227,000

SOUTHBURY

Jacob Rd Lot 624, Cummins, Sean and Cummins, Sarah to Grutkowski, Alexander C and Grutkowski, Jessica D, 7/21, \$830,000
6 Heritage Crst Lot C, Ruth A Hughes LT and Hughes, Ruth A to Dragone, Carman and Dragone, Nicole, 7/18, \$325,000
9 Gettysburg Rd Lot 9, Brooks, Cathleen R to Hasan, Mdraqul and Islam, Masuma, 7/19, \$501,000
27 Hillside Rd, Bickelhaupt, Mary B and Zarcone, Aaron J to Dawe, Jordan, 7/20, \$279,900
86 Transylvania Rd, Burstiner, Roseann M to Wilson FT and Wilson, Jeffery L, 7/18, \$598,000
114 Scout Rd, Williams, Triacanna to Zhang, Minghong and Lin, Hailey Y, 7/21, \$325,000
157 Sunset Rdg, Skaryak, Nancy R to Simon, Eric and Simon, Christine, 7/20, \$750,000
234 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Fierberg Nancy F Est and Fierberg, Robert J to MDB Hldg LLC, 7/19, \$255,000
350 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Welch, Edward and Welch, Kimberly to Dimon, Charles H and Dimon, Lynn G, 7/22, \$270,000
489 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Smith, J Carolyn and Kelly, John to Chapman, William and Chapman, Stephanie, 7/21, \$175,000
651 Kettletown Rd, Kamerzel, Brian E and Kamerzel, Lauren M to Basil, Alexandra, 7/21, \$465,000
706 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Antman, Esteban to Camhi, Sondra, 7/18, \$385,900
730 Bucks Hill Rd, Saggese, Vincent P to Stigberg, Todd and Stigberg, Colleen, 7/20, \$510,000
794 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Ganci, Vincent L and Ganci, Jean M to Stephens, Eric, 7/19, \$355,000
817 Heritage Vlg Lot D, Jamgochian, Darwin to Wardowski, Gail A, 7/18, \$239,000
1022 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Sav LLC to Biervecicz, Charlotte and Biervecicz, Joseph J, 7/19, \$340,000
1441 Purchase Brook Rd, US Bank NA Tr to Chiecko, Jeff and Ritchie, Julie, 7/18, \$475,000

SOUTHINGTON

West St, Campy Realty LLC to Rivera, Glenda L, 7/5, \$310,000
273 Queen St Lot 8A, Steers, Robert O to Orange Peach Prop Mgmt, 7/5, \$136,000

STAFFORD

60 High St, Zaleski, Matthew to Saeli, Alicia and Saeli, Tuesday A, 7/18, \$190,000
92 Delphi Rd, Grenier, David J to Schirduan, Sarah and Flaxington, Joshua F, 7/18, \$250,000
194 Orcuttville Rd, Burton, Keith D and Burton, Kathleen G to Jordan, Tyler R, 7/18, \$70,000

STAMFORD

Saddle Hill Rd Lot 43B, Quick, Roger A and Quick, Mary A to Gordon, Steven and Albert, Elaine, 7/18, \$200,000
1 Broad St Lot PH25B, Chung, Rita to Cohen, Mary and Cohen, Myles, 7/19, \$692,500
1 Broad St Lot PH23E, Sindi, Kamil and Sindi, Omar to Balsells, Anaite, 7/20, \$639,000
3 Juniper Hill Rd Lot A, Grunberg, Michael to Major Oak Bldrs&Cons, 7/21, \$888,500
5 River Ridge Ct, Denardis, Laura E and Smith, Deborah R to Vasanwala, Meehboob I and Vasanwala, Vahidabannu, 7/20, \$699,500
6 Terrace Pl, Samaha, Edmond to Buchholz, Jennifer, 7/19, \$390,000
8 Mitchell St, Kepchar Michael W Est and Freebairn, Ellen to Morris, Blake and Scro, Jaclyn, 7/19, \$680,000
10 Ranson St Lot 10, Bonfigli, Andrea to Mulrooney, Paul J, 7/21, \$575,000
12 Center St, Wilson, John R to Reccy, Cisco, 7/18, \$850,000
17 Apple Valley Rd, Feliciano, Edward and Feliciano, Lynda M to Scala, Joseph and Scala, Alyssa, 7/18, \$1,190,000
19 Carter Dr, Buchanan, James M to Shupin, Anthony S and Shupin, Rachel M, 7/22, \$830,000
20 3rd St Lot 14, Paris, Shтерна S to Ahmed, Mohammad U and Ahmet, Javairia, 7/22, \$675,000
25 Adams Ave Lot 405, Rouhani, Asgar to Fanelli, Anthony L, 7/19, \$480,000
25 Knickerbocker Ave, Ely 3rd, James P to Lin, Henry C and Cui, Hong, 7/18,

\$1,124,000
27 Sea Beach Dr, Ohara, Patrick S and Ohara, Robin H to Bailey, Marta, 7/19, \$1,450,000
32 Lynam Rd, Birnbaum, Manfred E and Birnbaum, Charlotte J to Clark, Ryan and Clark, Nina, 7/20, \$1,275,000
42 Thornwood Rd, Buscemi, Mary to Ramsey, Alex and Ramsey, Lacey, 7/19, \$1,205,000
43 Vanech Dr, Greco, Louis E to Mayo, Kelly A and Murrin, Daniel, 7/20, \$575,000
50 North St Lot 102, Hyman, Jay and Hyman, Dayna to Saffron Property Invs LLC, 7/20, \$166,250
54 Myrtle Ave, Myrtle Family LLC to Castillo Partners LLC and Partners Castillo, 7/20, \$600,000
54 Ridgecrest Rd, Osher, Ronald A and Osher, Stephanie to Karen, Lynne, 7/18, \$1,379,000
57 Edgewood Ave, Derosa, Dominick and Derosa, Nancy to Treibert, Jordan and Treibert, Amberly, 7/21, \$820,000
65 Glenbrook Rd Lot 2D, Jurs, Deborah E to Tenenbaum, Hannah and Tenenbaum, Milkhail, 7/18, \$225,000
66 Knobloch Ln, AJB Properties LLC to Dabrowski, Michael F and Dabrowski, Brooke R, 7/18, \$1,350,000
68 Greenleaf Dr, Jervey, Warren L and Jervey, Jeanne-Marie P to Dekter, Christiaan A and Aung, Nayla, 7/18, \$1,020,000
74 Woods End Rd, Garrspe LLC to Brody, Arthur T, 7/19, \$1,310,000
85 Dann Dr, Zurkowski, Elvera R to Sheehy, Brian A, 7/18, \$599,900
97 Tupper Dr, JHS I LLC to Kearney, Amy and Kearney, John, 7/21, \$625,000
99 Gaymoor Dr, Sattarpour, Abdol H to Bonsui, Jude and Bonsui, Josephine, 7/18, \$795,000
105 Crestwood Dr, Guinta, Charles A to Martinez, Gustavo R, 7/21, \$619,000
107 Virgil St Lot F, Song, Wei to Shim, Michelle H and Chung, Jin Y, 7/21, \$430,000
114 Forest St Lot 114, Epstein, Vicki J to Olinger, David and Barnes, Anna, 7/22, \$578,000
115 Colonial Rd Lot 32, Pu, Linghua and Ma, Yuan to Dennis, Jeremy A, 7/22, \$700,000
121 Briar Brae Rd, Nanopoulos, Matthew and Tantillo, Melissa to Oconnell, Steven A and Johnston, Kella, 7/18, \$695,000
143 Hoyt St, Buckingham Condo Inc to Rozanski, Andrew W, 7/19, \$10,000
158 Skyview Dr, Boccuzzi, George J and Boccuzzi, Susanne to Inestrillas, Gabriel P and Amster, Hillary W, 7/18, \$800,000
168 Cedarwood Rd, Adams, Michael L and Adams, Jessica G to Icon Capital Mgmt LLC, 7/22, \$855,000
277 Skyview Dr, Carlucci, Nancy G to McCAFrey, Megan M and Carroll, Bradford D, 7/22, \$902,411
300 Broad St Lot 904, Mihatov, Nicole to Lewis, Jacob, 7/18, \$280,000
352 Bayberrie Dr, Pizzolatto, Gene J to Antonios Daskalakis LT and Daskalakis, Antonios, 7/21, \$1,450,000
444 Bedford St Lot 6P, Nicaj, Gjon to Tuntigian, Nicolette, 7/20, \$285,000
712 Newfield Ave, Schmidt, Gene and Schmidt, Angela to Okonkwo, Ronald and Okonkwo, Ruth, 7/19, \$630,000
950 Cove Rd Lot A3, Maria Marini LT and Marini, Maria to Alarcon, Dolores and Diaz, Marcelo, 7/18, \$340,000
1088 E Main St Lot B1, Serrano, Maria M to Moskaliuk, Vadyam and Lupul, Valentya, 7/18, \$205,000
1111 Hope St Lot 6, Rai, Anand and Crasto, Dalarine to Ha, Richard, 7/18, \$420,000
2700 Bedford St Lot W, Miner, Carole to Tromba, Kimberly and Tromba, Michael A, 7/18, \$299,000

STERLING
238 Harris Rd, Turcotte, Michelle A and Turcotte, Paul W to Abdon, Nery B and Gomez, Helen E, 7/18, \$380,000

STONINGTON
Ivy Rd, Jeckel Phillip E Est and Cassidy, Kevin M to Flora Investments LLC, 7/19, \$375,000
37 School St (Mystic), Jeckel Phillip E Est and Cassidy, Kevin M to Flora Investments LLC, 7/19, \$375,000
90 Lantern Hill Rd, Smith, Jesse O to Brayton, Hope E and Judeinstein, Patrick J, 7/20, \$350,000
170 Liberty St, Adams, Stephen M and Adams, Deborah to Ahern, Lester and Ahern, Paula, 7/20, \$400,000
274 River Rd, Anderson Joyce R Est and Charnetski, Michael R to Deneen, Robert D and Lucas, Suzanne L, 7/22, \$421,000

STRATFORD

Breakers Ln Lot 59, Nuterangelo, Sebastian to Lupis, Nicola and Halloran, Sarah E, 7/18, \$22,000
Harbour View Pl Lot B59, Frate, Regina R and Ghandria, Louise M to Bertanza, Eugene, 7/19, \$16,800
15 3rd Ave, Suter, Angela B to Amoroso, Jake and Kelly, Angela, 7/18, \$785,000

15 Speer Dr, Colitto, Nicholas A to Laszuk, Monique, 7/20, \$470,000
36 Belvidere Dr, Tenk, Gary to Yousufzada, Saameem and Taaj, Fariha, 7/22, \$470,000
41 Cardinal Pl, Singer, Joshua and Singer, Mandy to Sari, Tarma N and Sari, Tarma M, 7/19, \$315,000
53 Bryant Pl, Plofkin, Carol to Liranzo, Melissa, 7/18, \$341,000
55 Masna Pl, Mauro, Luke A and Mauro, Amber to Daniels, Johnny, 7/18, \$501,000
62 Shanley St, Ek Res Fund I LLC to Llera, Jamie, 7/18, \$260,000
70 Founders Way, Caldwell, Frances and Caldwell, Jason to Dyer, Codi, 7/19, \$685,000
80 McGrath Ct, Hargrove, James to Lagase, Alexis J, 7/19, \$190,000
97 Mckinley Ave, Shuler, Stanley R to Rodriguez, Nadia, 7/22, \$455,000
99 Broadmere Rd, Green Beverly A Est and McCormick, Patricia E to Macias, Jesus, 7/22, \$280,000
140 Canary Pl, Morel, Michael and Ortiz, Lorel to Lin, Bin and Jia, Wenlu, 7/18, \$685,000
164 Glenwood Ave, Moffett, Michelle to Carr, Deborah, 7/18, \$350,000
168 Kiondike St, Kowerdovich, Joseph D and Kowerdovich, Lorraine G to Macre, Colin and Maxis, Marie, 7/18, \$255,000
210 Breakers Ln Lot 210, Harbor View LLC to Friedman, Tammy L and Friedman, Jeffrey, 7/21, \$410,000
255 Nassau Rd, Carlozzi, John and Carlozzi, Julia to Ellerbe Jr, Oneal and Ellerbe, Johanna, 7/19, \$495,000
289 Johnson Ave, Sicinolfi Peter M Est and Kupchick, Yolanda to Eustaquio, Diana and Eustaquio, Reynaldo, 7/20, \$380,000
346 Burrift Ave, Deoliveira, Wilmar J and Deoliveira, Adriana C to Bailey, Tiffany, 7/22, \$365,000
390 Marina Dr, Verrusio Hm Improvement to Holland, Anthony and Holland, Debra, 7/20, \$450,000
603 California St, K2 Realty LLC to Blount, Monique and Blount, Allison, 7/19, \$374,000
2302 Elm St, Lindsay, Ann E to Gonzalez, Jack and Solivan, Jacqueline, 7/20, \$576,000
3476 Main St, Stiles Judson House Assoc to Mao, Bounny, 7/18, \$390,000
3699 Broadbridge Ave Lot 206, Laurence, Todd J and Rynich, Diane F to Wilbur, Melanie S, 7/19, \$120,000

SUFFIELD

10 Ayreshire Ct Lot 10, Mason, Daniel E to Lacic, John J and Lacic, Iwona M, 7/21, \$183,000
34 Wainscot Ln, Kennedy, Craig H to Costello, Nathan and Scagliotti, Jennifer, 7/21, \$555,000
51 Suffield Meadow Dr Lot 51, Ganesan, Jayaraman and Ganesan, Meena to Thurston, Melissa, 7/22, \$192,200
75 Highland Ridge Dr, Lacic, Iwona and Lacic, John to Fiore, Catherine M and Fiore, Peter J, 7/18, \$975,000
81 Landing Cir Lot 81, John W Silver RET and Calsetta, Jillian A to Bosco, Angelo and Bosco, Christie, 7/18, \$50,000
83 Stonegate Ln, Rayco Development Co LLC to Daub, Anna and Daub, Katharina, 7/19, \$225,000
120 2nd St, Vasilakis, Spiros and Vasilakis, Stamataula to Troche, Gailo and Troche, Beatrice A, 7/20, \$415,000
309 Mapleton Ave, Fuller, James S and Fuller, Melinda B to Miller, Jonathan and Miller, Amanda, 7/20, \$480,000
514 Halladay Ave W, Dignennaro LT and Dignennaro, Robert G to Jacobs, Jonathan T and Jacobs, Krystle, 7/18, \$350,000
1092 Negvate Rd, Hanlon, Viola to Patel, Vinubhai B, 7/22, \$345,000
1359 Ratley Rd, Gogulski, Walter O to Brunette, Mary, 7/18, \$185,989

THOMASTON

79 Old Waterbury Rd, Zeron, Neptali D and Ibarra, Claudia P to Gonzalez Sr, George L and Hernandez, Yolanda, 7/22, \$248,000
118 Pine Hill Rd, Hughes, Tracy to Smith, Ann and Ulrich, Justin, 7/20, \$239,000
156 Edgewood Ave, Rimkoski, Genevieve to Sirochman 3rd, Michael, 7/18, \$230,000

THOMPSON

Sunnyside Dr, Candidus, Maximilian to Tavernier, Matthew D, 7/20, \$99,900
17 Starr Rd, Francisco, Penny G to Ott, Kurtis W, 7/19, \$240,000
52 Fernwood Ave, Belleville David B Est and Herman, Matthew A to Mann, Robert K, 7/19, \$50,000

TOLLAND

10 Weigel Valley Dr Lot 10, Whitaker, Charito C and Whitaker 3rd, Herbert W to Freedman, Ronald F and Freedman, Carol, 7/18, \$335,000
12 Old Orchard Way, Sniadach, Anthony J to Rhodes, Sarah E and Rhodes, Kurtis A,

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7/18, \$615,000
24 Pepperwood Rd, Lester, Richard D and Lester, Mary T to Hodge, Kristel and Hodge, Richard, 7/20, \$370,000
33 Beech Rd, Abetz Jr, William F and Kasek, Jennifer R to Letourneau, Robert and Letourneau, Bethany, 7/21, \$345,000
71 Woodhenge Dr, Vannoy 3rd, Walter M to Causey, Bradley K and Causey, Christian R, 7/19, \$355,000
76 Pilgrim Dr, Salkeld, Brian R to Tracy, James M and Tracy, Paula B, 7/21, \$430,000
91 Browns Bridge Rd, Bohnet, Michael K and Bohnet, Carol A to Knight, Michael and Knight, Alison, 7/20, \$560,000
111 Neff Hill Rd, Nordic Bldrs Of Tolland to Mikalsen, Erik and Schubert, Mary, 7/20, \$783,392
151 Bakos Rd, Heilman, Scott T to Scott, Juan, 7/19, \$379,900
268 Hartford Tpke Lot C6, Spak, Theresa H to Palazzo, Shannon D, 7/18, \$100,000

TORRINGTON

Brookside Ave Lot 6, Vessio, Joseph S to Collado, Lisette, 7/22, \$190,000
N/A, Newsome, John L and Newsome, Robert to Cajamarca-Lozano, Darwin S, 7/18, \$140,000
7 College Ave, Furdon, Kaelyn A and Furdon, Thomas to Powell, Phillip and Rodriguez, Marisol, 7/21, \$269,900
19 Rock Creek Ln, Curry Ora J 3rd Est and Curry 4th, Ora J to Kelsey, Jessica, 7/18, \$320,000
19 Taylor St, Nargi Jr, Andrew J to Lema, Mario C and Lema, Alexandra N, 7/18, \$350,000
31 Old Farms Rd, Chtchedrine, Valentina to Coggins, Lonnie and Coggins, Lois, 7/21, \$187,010
51 Mortimer St Lot 11, Rivers, Barbara A to Dionne, Jennah, 7/18, \$125,500
82 Eastlawn Dr, Longobucco Shirley Est and Mortgage Assets Mgmt LLC to Mortgage Assets Mgmt LLC and Bank Of New York Mellon, 7/18, \$180,000
99 Hunter Ct Lot 99, Rogers, Richard M to Cattey, Elizabeth, 7/21, \$175,500
122 Mill Ln Lot 122, Donne, Joanne and Donne, Deborah to McNamara, Michele L, 7/21, \$212,000
170 New Litchfield St, Janner, Elizabeth and Finance Of America Revers to Finance Of America Revers, 7/18, \$165,000
171 Old Farms Rd Lot 171, Chtchedrine, Valentina to Coggins, Lonnie and Coggins, Lois, 7/21, \$187,010
178 Northridge Ave, Santiago, Wilfredo and Santiago, Beatriz to Lam, Santiago and Hoang, Thi, 7/19, \$265,000
187 Lovers Ln Lot 24, Lopresti, Joseph to Thorpe, Jon A, 7/19, \$98,000
190 Ledge Dr Lot 190, Stutz, Jonathan and Clarkson, Jean L to Lonier, Jacqueline and Dikman, Andrew, 7/18, \$220,000
207 McKinley St, Cattey, Elizabeth to Hambor, Anita B and Novotny, Joseph M, 7/21, \$117,500
207 McKinley St, Cattey James Est and Cattey, Elizabeth to Hambor, Anita B and Novotny, Joseph M, 7/21, \$117,500
218 S Main St, Nargi Jr, Andrew J to Lema, Mario C and Lema, Alexandra N, 7/18, \$350,000
220 New Litchfield St, McCarthy, Patrick J to Narvaez, Sergio, 7/21, \$239,900
227 Main St, 227 Main St Realty LLC to Seedless Confulabating, 7/22, \$360,000
283 Clearview Ave, Pastore, Garry and Pastore, Marian E to Ward, Jason L, 7/21, \$280,000
308 Park Ave, Garcia, Inginia to Rodriguez, Ashley, 7/21, \$253,000
402 Essex Ct Lot 402, Govoni, James L and Rios, Amanda L to Fecko, Joseph M, 7/21, \$165,000
455 Marshall Lake Rd, Ayantola, Job A and Ayantola, Bukola A to Fleming, Anna D and Fleming, Tammy L, 7/18, \$492,000
839 Main St Lot 87, Attella, Chase W to Taylor, Tyrione M, 7/20, \$102,000
2010 Mountain Rd, Johnson, Marquam R to Palaka, Jeffrey R and Palaka, Beatrice, 7/22, \$340,000

TRUMBULL

7 Old Tree Farm Ln, Angelini, Michael and Angelini, Andrea to Sullivan, Ryan J and Sullivan, Ashley N, 7/19, \$1,325,000
13 Sunrise Ave, Grasso, Anthony J to Aguirre, Estefani S and Soriano, Miguel A, 7/19, \$507,500
16 Par Ln, Dragone, Virginia to Buckley, Derek and Buckley, Janice C, 7/18, \$699,000
19 Hillston Rd, Perock, Richard J and Agosto, Elizabeth to Gerst, Arnold and Gerst, Denise, 7/19, \$660,000
21 Firehouse Rd, Sheehar, Gail M to Bruchansky, Lauren and Tedford, Gary, 7/15, \$720,000
26 Rangely Dr, Kane Mary L Est and Gaspar-rini, Joseph to Omalley, John M and Omalley, Rachel A, 7/19, \$485,000

28 Evergreen Ln, Stewart Gloria M Est and Goodall, Roy to Zhai, Zu W, 7/15, \$428,600
29 Hickory St, Martins, Danilo B to Becerrill, Rangel E and Becerril, Villegas E, 7/19, \$560,000
45 Surrey Ln, Frazao, Victor B and Frazao, Cristina A to Youngblood, Richard G and Youngblood, Katherine J, 7/19, \$1,200,000
47 Endclave Dr, Toll Northeast S Corp to Thibault, Carly A and Dudonis, Blake A, 7/18, \$899,995
70 Craig Ln, Tenney Frances W Est and Tenney, Joseph R to 70 Craig LLC, 7/18, \$450,000
76 Parkway Dr, Ortoli, Donna A to Lindo, Jeff and Lydixsen, Lee, 7/15, \$610,000
92 Meadow Rd, Beer Gary Est and Beers, Michael J to Egloff, David and Egloff, Cindy, 7/15, \$1,060,000
2035 Huntington Tpke, Brown Jr, Kevin and Brown, Jelena to Hayes, Vincent J and Hayes, Amy R, 7/19, \$813,500

UNION

Stickney Hill Rd, Thibault, Jessica L to Rankin, Lori A and Silva Assis, Marcello H, 7/20, \$310,000

VERNON

16 Windermere Ave, Green Garden LLC to Dang, Joseph, 7/5, \$40,000
18 Windermere Ave, Green Garden LLC to Dang, Joseph, 7/5, \$140,000
20 Lake St, Suley Hilja Est and Karu, Glida to AND Management LLC, 7/5, \$220,000
40 Pillsbury Ave, Marshall, David A and Palmer, Teresa D to Rivas, Ariana L, 7/5, \$235,000
50 Zoye Dr, Judson, Melinda M to Langner, Maria and Langner, Thomas S, 7/5, \$435,000
79 Sutton Dr, Lisa A Fisher Rt and Fisher, Lisa A to Haynes, Gregory and Haynes, Christina, 7/5, \$433,000
97-99 Cemetery Rd, Hollister, Scott D to Prendergast, Christopher, 7/5, \$450,000

WALLINGFORD

N/A, Trautman, Mark and Trautman, Mary B to Onnocenzi, Kenneth and Innocenzi, Carolyn, 7/19, \$350,000
N/A, Lennon, Andrea N to Marmitt, Debra N, 7/18, \$235,000
4 Circle Dr, Pumpkin Patch Properties to RMS Development Inc, 7/22, \$670,000
14 Cornelia Dr, Woodworth, Heather A and Woodworth, Christopher M to Cruz, Pamlea and Cruz, Frank, 7/18, \$530,000
23 Reskin Dr, Williams, Richard L and Williams, Dolores J to Jason&Liliya Cariage T and Cariage, Jason B, 7/20, \$325,000
35 Mohawk Dr, Kraft 2nd, John E and Barnabel, Nicole to Clark, Jerome W and Clark, Susan B, 7/22, \$269,000
42 Prospect St, Bilodeau, Paul and Bilodeau, Suzanne to Avila, Luis F, 7/20, \$269,900
53 Green St, USA VA to Lawrence, Heather, 7/22, \$205,000
115 Ward St, Kiss, Jon and Morales, Solamaria to Tsifloglou, Cynthia and Saundera, Ronea, 7/18, \$285,000
116 Ward St, Kiss, Jon and Morales, Solamaria to Tsifloglou, Cynthia and Saundera, Ronea, 7/18, \$285,000
117 Ward St, Kiss, Jon and Morales, Solamaria to Tsifloglou, Cynthia and Saundera, Ronea, 7/18, \$285,000
180 S Whittlesey Ave, Rich, William and Rich, Christine to Linnell, Hannah, 7/18, \$365,000
200 Cook Hill Rd, 200 Cook Hill Road LLC to 200 Cook LLC, 7/21, \$2,100,000
232 Cook Hill Rd, Cretella, Jeffrey and Angiollo, Amy to Dasilva, Denise, 7/19, \$376,000
248 Long Hill Rd, McMahon, Marie K to Martinick, Andrew J and McCormack, Cathy A, 7/18, \$355,000
422 Williams Rd, Zambrano, Lauren M to Cretella, Jeffrey and Cretella, Amy, 7/20, \$650,000
1174 Durham Rd, Hamilton Jr, Roy L and Hamilton, Chesa M to Holcomb Jr, Edward A, 7/21, \$410,000
1323 Barnes Rd, Roestra, Miriam J and Sanchez-Gonzalez, Alfredo to Mulqueen, Ryan and Mulqueen, Sarah, 7/21, \$80,000

WASHINGTON

25 Kinney Hill Rd, Whitehall Const LLC to Ondrey, Aaron and Ondrey, Jacqueline, 7/20, \$300,000
108 W Morris Rd, Berger Jr, Charles W to Nair, Rekha and Purohit, Neel, 7/18, \$1,410,000
181 W Shore Rd, Harris, Jonathan to Gershenson, Kate B and Gershenson, Michael, 7/18, \$4,648,815

WATERBURY

Highland Ave, Devito Jr, Louis J to Reyes, Emanuel A, 7/19, \$187,500
4 Wakelee Rd, Bank New York Mellon Tr to Zaltz, Israel, 7/20, \$84,200
7 Pearl St, Tecuapetla, Cruz A and Coloti, Nicolas A to Sibirian, Manuel D, 7/20, \$15,000

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10 Branch St, Todah LLC to 15 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$1,100,000
11 N Barnes St, McClintock, Miranda to Smith, Joshua, 7/20, \$205,000
13 Summit St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
20 4th St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
20 Belmont Ave, Perfect Homes LLC to Manzano, Andres, 7/19, \$185,000
23 Pearl Lake Rd Lot F, Rzewuski, Beth A to Cepin, Jeniel, 7/20, \$131,000
24 Springwood Rd, Moroz, Piotr and Moroz, Iwona B to Gad, Walid and Ezz, Hassnaa, 7/19, \$270,000
25 Avon Ave, Sullivan, Steve and Sullivan, Donna to Rodriguez, Daisy, 7/19, \$255,000
28 Macnamara St, Pavia, Lisa E to Singh, Sursattie, 7/19, \$245,000
34 Southview St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
42 Kellogg St, Kallon, Dorothy L to A2Z Investors LLC, 7/19, \$43,500
48 Hubinger St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
50 Hubinger St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
53 Stephana Ln, Wolfe, Steven P and Wolfe, Angela to Sky Realty Group LLC, 7/21, \$275,000
56 Lounsbury Ave, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
64 Brewster St, Khan, Fahad and Khan, Munawar to Muller, Moshe and Rosenberg, Moshe, 7/21, \$205,000
66 Brewster St, Khan, Fahad and Khan, Munawar to Muller, Moshe and Rosenberg, Moshe, 7/21, \$205,000
81 Chipman St Lot 5, Jagsaran, Uma to At Investment LLC, 7/19, \$85,000
84 Joy Rd, Arzola, Paul to Pellicano, Karen and Gospodinoff, Stephen, 7/20, \$215,000
90 Kaynor Dr, Bushka, Albert to Solomon, Sabrina, 7/18, \$270,000
92 Wakelee Rd, Bank New York Mellon Tr to Zaltz, Israel, 7/20, \$84,200
93 Griggs St, Todah LLC to 15 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$1,100,000
106 Oak Hollow Dr, Jimenez, Noris N to Mcewan, Shara and Rhyinie, Noel, 7/18, \$365,000
120 Division St, Todah LLC to 15 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$1,100,000
121 Hillview Ave, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
122 Charles St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
132 Easton Ave, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
132 Grand St, Webster Bank NA to 32 Grand LLC, 7/18, \$300,000
178 Edgewood Ave, Golden Blessing Prop LLC to Alvarez, Fernando C and Cabrera, Teresa A, 7/21, \$160,000
189 Stillson Rd, Troche, Rafaela S to Velez, Jonathan, 7/20, \$268,150
197 S Leonard St, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
203 S Leonard St, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
258 Mill St, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
328 Robbins St, Murphy, Kyle to Raposo, Melissa, 7/19, \$339,500
380 Hitchcock Rd Lot 121, Dawkins, Latisha to Rubcock, Shira, 7/18, \$160,000
571 Baldwin St, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
721 Cooke St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
875 N Main St, Arie Investments LLC to 25 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$2,133,000
895 Hamilton Ave Lot 16, Doyle, Margaret M to New Haven Holdings LLC, 7/20, \$65,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 27C, Falihu, Ajwan A to Singathi, Ravichandranath, 7/19, \$190,000
925 Oronoke Rd Lot 34H, Hitchcock, Damion A to Big Sky Enterprises LLC, 7/18, \$140,000
995 Bank St, Todah LLC to 75 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$4,532,778
1027 S Main St, Todah LLC to 15 Holdings LLC, 7/18, \$1,100,000
1043 Highland Ave, Velez, Milagros to Torres, Linda E and Torres, Felix, 7/18, \$270,000
1385 Highland Ave Lot 12A, Malcom, Cecil J to Gonzalez, Amanda, 7/19, \$150,000
2854 E Main St, ELJ Inv Co LLC to Casillas, Mary E, 7/18, \$170,000

WATERFORD

7 Wintergreen Dr, Call, Bryce J and Call, Jessica H to Sposito, James, 7/19, \$345,000
12 Jordan Ter, Jones, Kyle and Jones, Holly to Miller, Jordan and Miller, Amanda, 7/21, \$415,000
15 Division St, Kelly Jr, Robert E and Kelly, Leslie A to Krebs, Russell and Krebs, Martha, 7/18, \$880,000
21 Uncas Ave, FNMA to Morris, Dominique, 7/19, \$219,900
28 Stone St, Kuenneke, George L to Mazzella, Charles, 7/20, \$255,000
41 New Shore Rd, Nersesyan, Marina to Lambert 3rd, Edward W and Lambert, Katherine S, 7/18, \$525,000
190 Old Colchester Rd, Wohlgemuth, Thomas H to Finneran, Gabriel J and Finneran, Dylan F, 7/18, \$429,900
908 Hartford Tpke, Rice, Ronald W to Cohan-zie Partners LP, 7/19, \$900,000
WATERTOWN
J Ryan Way, Ashford Woods LLC to Zois, Anastasia, 7/19, \$158,000
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55 Cliff St, HB2 Alternative Hldg LLC to Friel, Heather, 7/18, \$197,000
192 Colonial St, Dudley, Kerry A to Musaed, Abdulaziz A, 7/20, \$380,000
WEST HARTFORD
18 Glendale Rd, Williams Vesci T and Vesci, Gary L to Dorsio, Kyle P, 7/14, \$770,000
18 Quaker Ln S, Ootoole, John to R&A Rentals LLC, 7/18, \$332,500
21 Westmont St, Howard, Kaitlin and Howard, Andrew to Port, Elissa R, 7/18, \$615,000
26 Arnold Way Lot 26, King, Claire F to Alzugaray, Alyssa A, 7/19, \$185,000
41 Wilfred St, Yui, Ping to Samid, Rosetta and Singh, Alisha, 7/19, \$265,000
45 Middlefield Dr, Barlow, Nancy R to Corneau, Gail and Pollock, Daniel T, 7/18, \$490,000
47 Westwood Rd, Lange, Elizabeth A to Graziano, Richard J, 7/19, \$1,425,000
48 Boswell Rd, Dachnowicz, Heather to Massa, Jordan M, 7/19, \$350,000
57 Griswold Dr, Wei, Jessica T to Carey, Brendan and Barrack, Jillian, 7/18, \$450,000
74 Westland Ave, Fry, Sandra M to Gannon, Daniel, 7/18, \$500,000
82 Meadow Ln, Newman, Gail T to Matos, Daniel S and Matos, Lauralyn D, 7/18, \$604,000
95 Mohawk Dr, Nizami, Yusuf V and Nizami, Sima to Koenigsberg, Elliot and Pachter, Eva, 7/18, \$550,000
140 Edgemere Ave, Causey, Bradley K and Causey, Christian R to Zimmerman, Megan and Graham, Melinda, 7/19, \$325,000
592 Mountain Rd Lot D, Bennett, Barbara to Simons, Lori A, 7/19, \$310,000
869 Farmington Ave Lot 107, Swanson, Lynn to Zaremsky, Serge and Zaremsky, Natalie, 7/15, \$240,000
1422 Boulevard, Jedrey, Stephen to King-swood Oxford School, 7/18, \$364,250
WEST HAVEN
14 South St, Guerrero, Edwardo and Guerrero, Jessica to Swofford, Heather S, 7/20, \$364,000
16 Homesteader Ln, Delillo, John and Delillo, Linda to Swineford, William V, 7/18, \$422,000
24 Thomas St, Brennan, Walter H and Bowen, Shelley M to Sikora, David and Summers, Erica, 7/18, \$240,000
25 W Walk Lot 25, Nelson, Christopher to Nave, Robert P, 7/21, \$250,000
47 Rodney St, Tripp, Jacqueline to XB Properties LLC, 7/21, \$84,193
53 Contact Dr, Fang, Shuo to Zotti, David E, 7/22, \$278,000
71 Ellsworth St, Gyapay, Eva Z to Stewart, Garfield and Stewart, Ashley, 7/19, \$320,000
93 Morgan Ln, Caputo, Erika to Montesino, David and Perez, Jonathan, 7/19, \$425,000
154 1st Ave, Loeiwski, Maria R and Pinney, Betty A to Zhao, Karen L and Heymann, Gabriel, 7/19, \$327,500
158 Washington Ave, Cristo Realty LLC to Taveras, Ana and Arevalo, Andrew, 7/20, \$370,000
375 Captain Thomas Blvd Lot 61, Tardella, Neil to Casalaina, Laurie E, 7/19, \$215,000
WESTBROOK
178 Meadowlark Ln, Johannessen, Jon and Johannessen, Susan to Gill, Maria and Gill, Thomas, 7/22, \$510,000
520 Marina Way Lndg Lot 520, Najeebi, Shamir A and Najeebi, Tammy A to Pryor, Kevin and Pryor, Rosemary, 7/18, \$500,000
WESTON
14 Shinnecock Pl, Kolthay, Samuel C and Kolthay, Jenna M to Montgomery, Brian and Montgomery, Erin, 7/19, \$869,000
21 Tall Pines Dr, Duffy, Donald J to Ditsky, Stuart, 7/21, \$2,200,000
32 Powder Horn Hl, Betsworth, Gary S and Betsworth, Susan to Chang, Liang-Fang, 7/20, \$570,000
38 High Acce Rd, Orbezo-Barros, Juan C to Dealmeida, Julie A and Dealmeida, Helder R, 7/21, \$1,574,000
41 Hackberry Hill Rd, Weeks, Christopher E to Brewer, Michael and Tarare, Christel, 7/20, \$1,054,000
44 September Ln, Magner, Michael J and Magner, Leslie to Reynolds, Alex and Squil-lante, Mary, 7/21, \$1,200,000

135 Steep Hill Rd, Carmody, Mark R and Carmody, Sarah E to Slavin, Jeffrey A and Slavin, Kelsey A, 7/21, \$1,095,000
WESTPORT
Sylvan Rd, Saviano Nicholas T Est and Saviano, Thomas J to Babinski, Andrzej and Babinski, Katarzyna, 7/18, \$487,500
Sylvan Rd, Saviano, Thomas J and Saviano, Florence R to Babinski, Andrzej and Babinski, Katarzyna, 7/18, \$487,500
8 Bermuda Rd, Roth, Kelli E to Gillis, Frank L and Gillis, Marjorie B, 7/15, \$5,775,000
9 Gorham Ave, Squillante, Ryan C to Forman, Wendy, 7/18, \$975,000
11 Iris Ln, Colligan, Phillip P and Colligan, Rita G to Huot, Donald and Huot, Erin, 7/19, \$1,128,000
13-C Dogwood Ln, Fishman, Alicia and Fishman, Scott to Dranitzke, Robert and Dranitzke, Anna, 7/18, \$2,150,000
17 Rockyfield Rd, Daya, Nurjehan M to Hartmann, Alison M and Hartmann, Jens A, 7/15, \$1,775,000
41 Sturges Cmns, Symons, Kara M and Symons, Craig S to Isaia 2017 FT and Iaia, Vito, 7/18, \$2,375,000
90 Hillandale Rd, 90 Hillandale LLC to Vine, John W and Majlak, Abby, 7/18, \$1,440,000
101 Harvest Cmns Lot 101, Grieb Mila A Est and Adams-Okeefe, Janet to Mellin, Nisa, 7/18, \$832,500
217 North Ave, Chunovic, Janis and Chunovic, Thomas to Terry Jr, Alan R and Terry, Alison E, 7/19, \$1,600,000
WETHERSFIELD
6 Buckland Rd, Kaminsky, Patricia C and Kaminsky, Stephen C to Say, Savouth and Perez, Leidy, 7/19, \$325,000
9 Casey Ln, Lajoie, Paula and Delanovai, Caterina to Reyes, Luis F, 7/22, \$370,000
15 Clearfield Rd, Daigle, Patrick C and Daigle, Carissa D to Wylupek, Frank and Liang, Shuangjing, 7/19, \$309,000
16 Nutmeg Cir, Christensen, Stacy and Veley, Jaye P to Kuczenski, Karelyn and Joakim, Matthew, 7/18, \$535,000
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12 Crowne Pond Ln Lot 12, Gabriele, Michele and Gabriele, Chris M to Nassr, Kussay D, 7/19, \$879,000
13 Sunset Pass, Mcbrinn, Dermot F and Mcbrinn, Susan to Omeara, Collin, 7/19, \$550,000
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ASK THE BUILDER

A sealer that helps your outdoor wood objects last

By **Tim Carter**
Tribune Content Agency

Do you own anything made of wood that lives its life outdoors? It could be a stunning deck, perhaps a decorative privacy fence, maybe a pergola, or even a teak table and chair set. I've owned all of the above, and more, over the years.

When I was younger, I didn't think much of the work, time and expense it required to keep the wood looking like new. But every year as I cleaned and resealed one of my outdoor wood things, the work grew more and more tiresome. In many ways, all of my outdoor wood possessions were like my three kids when they were young. They also required constant care.

Over the past 10 years, I finally surrendered to the unrelenting power of the sun and rain. My dock panels and steps leading down to the lake are now the only things I have left made of wood. Fortunately, I finally discovered a wood sealer that appears to last for four years instead of the normal two I got from every other product.

Allow me to share with you why you'll probably wave the white flag and concede to the forces of Mother Nature at some point. It's important to realize that wood is hygroscopic, which means its size changes in response to the moisture content of the wood. Wood expands when it gets wet, and then it shrinks as it dries. This movement, over time, starts to rip the wood apart.

If you look closely at a new piece of milled wood, it's usually smooth and free from any surface defects. However, this appearance is transitory. As soon as you subject untreated wood to frequent wet/dry cycles, you'll start to see very tiny checking cracks develop. These are tiny hairline cracks in the top surface of the wood.



These pieces of outdoor wood decking show serious signs of neglect. The large cracks allow water to soak deep into the wood. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

The next time it rains, the cracks allow the water to penetrate deeper and faster into the wood. This causes even greater expansion pressure between the wood fibers and soon the lignin in the wood fails. Small cracks get bigger and eventually a piece of wood will split in two. Think of how a steel wedge is used to split a piece of firewood. Water does the same exact thing to your wood deck, fence or teak furniture.

This is why it's paramount to keep outdoor wood sealed so water doesn't soak into the wood to make tiny cracks huge cracks as you might see on a neglected fishing pier boardwalk.

If you think water is

bad for wood, wait until you layer on top of it the punishing ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun. A small percentage of the sun's UV rays contain active photons. When photons hit an object traveling 186,000 miles per second, imagine a microscopic nuclear explosion.

Photons are so powerful they can break the atomic bond of metals. Have you ever wondered why the corrugated metal roofs you see on barns and other agricultural buildings are rusty? Do you know what the roof looked like when new? They were shiny silver like a new galvanized garbage can. The fresh zinc coating can be blinding in the sun. But

each day when photons hit the zinc, they break bonds and then the next rain washes the zinc from the roof. Eventually there's no zinc protective coating left and the exposed steel begins to rust. The same thing happens with copper flashings on roofs. Have you ever noticed how the roof surface below a copper flashing looks new and is mold-free? It's because copper is a natural biocide and each rainfall transfers copper from the flashing to the roof surface.

Knowing this, imagine how destructive UV light is to your wood! Wood is so much more fragile than zinc or copper. The UV rays blast apart the lignin that holds the wood fibers

together. This is why after you wash your deck, fence, pergola or furniture it's fuzzy. The fuzz is wood fibers that are just barely hanging on like a child's tooth that's about to fall out. You have to allow the wood to dry, then go through the painstaking process of sanding it to get the wood smooth again.

You can minimize UV damage to wood by using outdoor wood sealers that have a fair amount of pigment in them. The pigment acts like sunscreen or a sacrificial anode in a water heater. The pigment is a shield and gives up its life so the UV rays and photons don't make it to the wood. But you know

how this ends. Your deck color starts to fade just as zinc washes off the galvanized roof panels. Soon there's not enough pigment left and the UV rays can get to the wood.

Paint is the ultimate protector for wood, but the issue is it will eventually fail. Because your wood is hygroscopic and expands and contracts at a greater rate than the paint, the paint eventually cracks and peels. Then you have an even bigger mess on your hands. Now you know why I eat lunch each summer day with my feet resting on my composite deck, my plate resting on a wonderful aluminum table, and my posterior parked in a matching aluminum chair!

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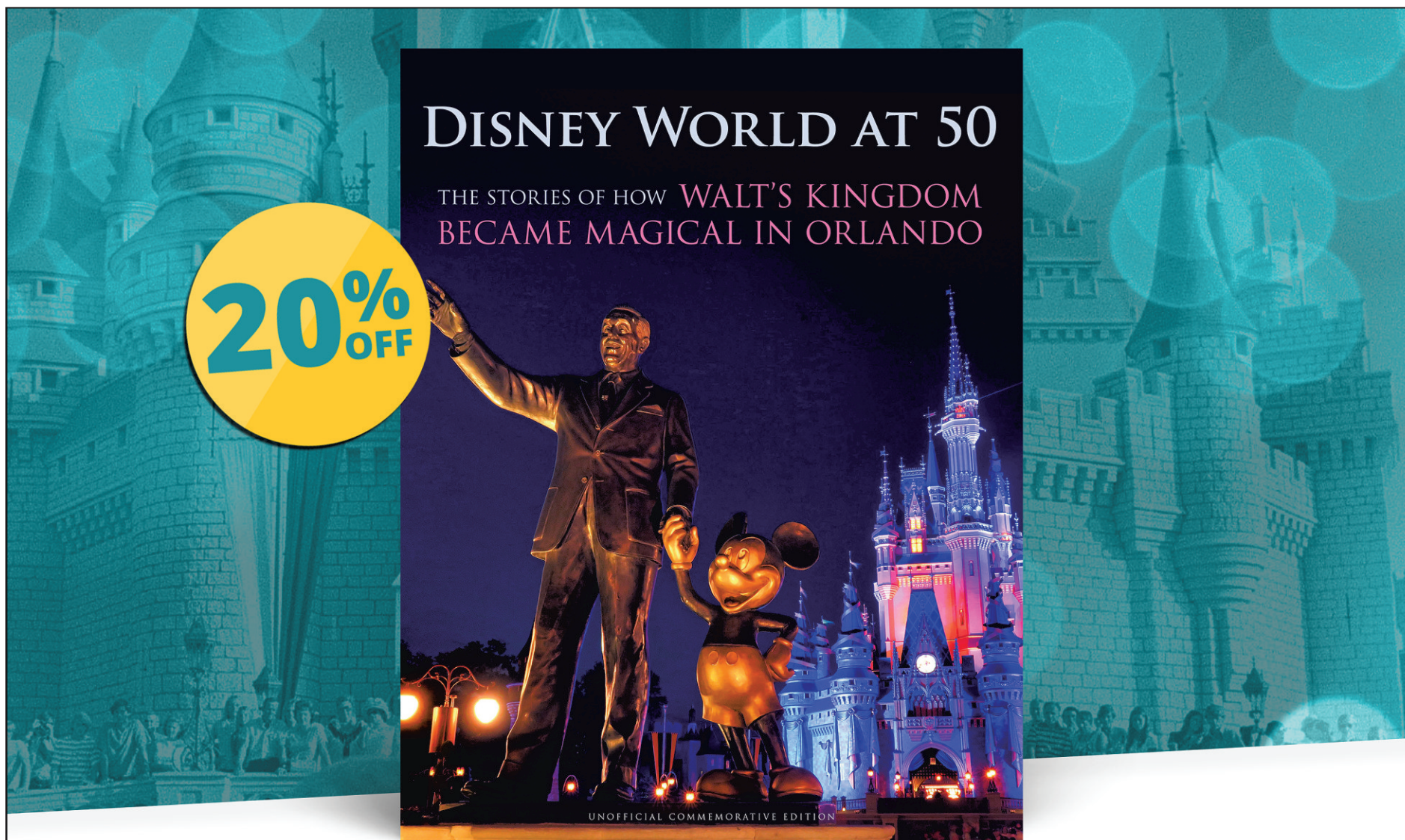
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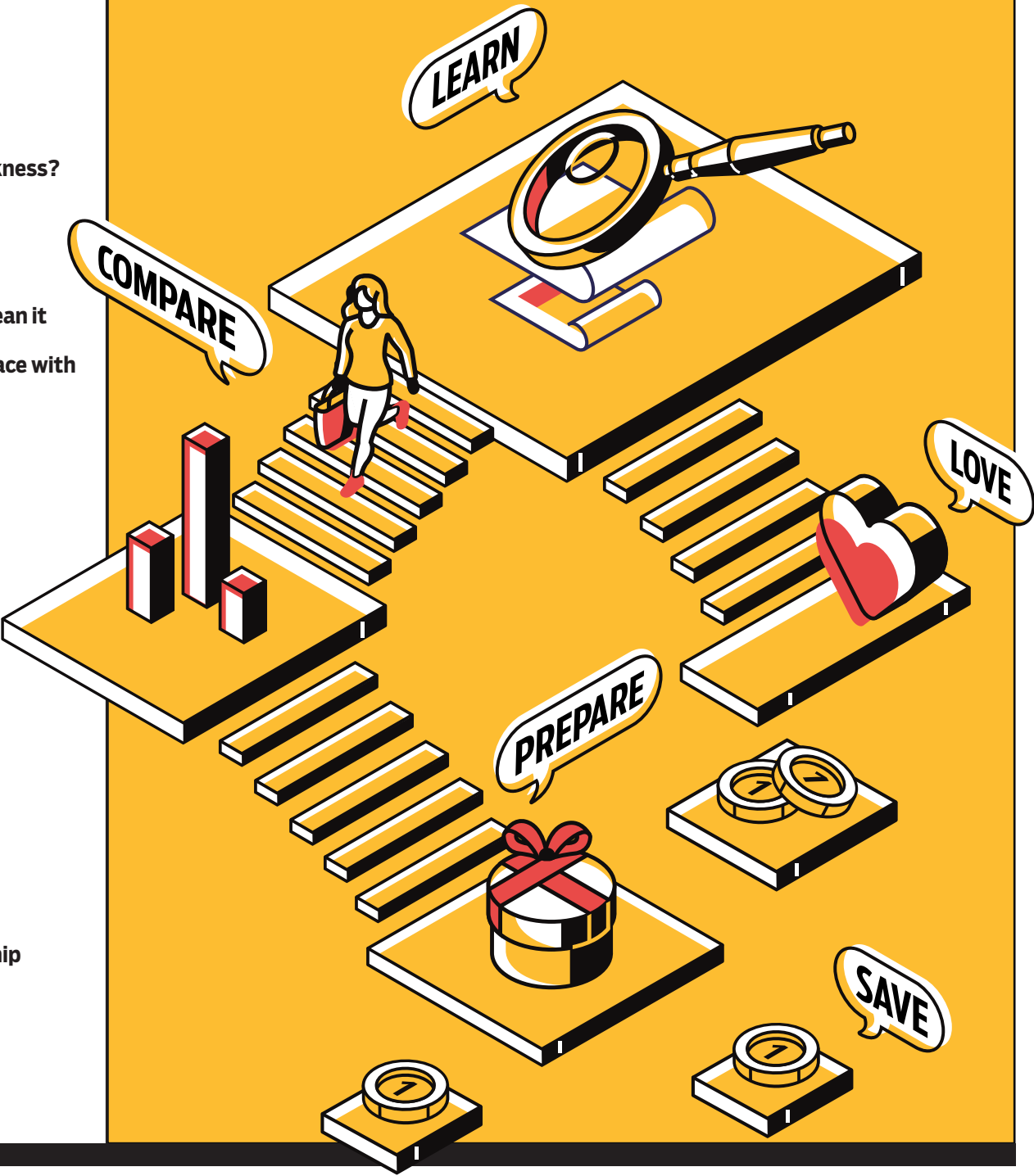
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How to choose between job offers

BY VICKI SALEMI
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Q: I received three job offers, but don't know which one to choose. They are all pretty equivalent. Help!



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A: Congratulations! What sparked your job search in the first place? Are you exiting a toxic boss situation, are you bored in your job, underpaid, etc.? Recall your “why” and what prompted you to start searching in the first place.

Next, make a list to identify your top three to five priorities. If salary was the primary reason for looking for a new job, that will probably take the top spot in terms of what you’re looking for in your next job. No one’s going to see the list whether you jot it down in the notes section on your phone or in Excel so the columns for each job are side-by-side. Your priorities can be a variety of reasons such as growth opportunities, working from home, flexibility, health benefits, and more.

Now, you can begin comparing apples to apples. In Excel (or whatever works best for you, such as putting pen to paper), compare and contrast each job offer in terms of salary, title, growth, commute/hybrid/WFH, health benefits, perks, company values, the people you met with, and more. Revisit your priorities and sort the columns by your priorities so you’re seeing each offer’s attributes in descending order.

More and more job seekers are accepting job offers where salary is not the number one reason, so determine what’s most important to you and proceed from there. For instance, the offer you ultimately accept may not have the highest salary, but the flexibility may be the best.

Also, think about the camaraderie you developed during the interviews. After all, this will be your new work family; rapport with your boss and colleagues is key.

Ultimately though, the decision may rely on a gut instinct if they’re closely aligned in your top priorities once you gather all of this information and assess it quickly (assuming the employers want to hear your decision soon). May the best employer win!

(PS. As a side note, when you turn down the other offers, thank them: Be gracious and professional. Employers expect turn downs, especially in a tight labor market. Connect with them on social media if you’d like — you never know when you may want to reach out to them again.)

Q: My boss is, how do I put this — unethical. He’s submitted faux timesheets and encouraged me to do the same even when our group hung out before the holidays and our festivities were no longer work-related. I’m not sure how I should handle this?

A: Even though your boss encourages you to submit faux timesheets, remain true to yourself and to the company — not to your boss. Ethics are so important and although bosses are supposed to lead by example, this is one example I would not advise following.

If your boss reviews your timesheet and says anything, you can be succinct in saying something like, “I did not feel comfortable doing that.”

It begs the question though for deeper meaning — is your company like this, too? Is this a one-off behavior by your boss or is this similar in other areas to what you’ve experienced? You may want to ask yourself if this company holds values that still ring true to you (or if it’s a bad boss situation which is problematic in itself), but you may want to view this as an opportunity to re-evaluate the company and your boss and what they stand for. If they’re overall not in alignment with you and how you work, you may want to find another employer that is. ♥

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What to do about a toxic workplace



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Q: My coworkers are the worst. They gossip 24/7 and rope me into conversations. Even when we're not in the office, and on Slack and Zoom, they're constantly talking about people behind their backs, asking me to comment — they're probably talking about me, too! What should I do?

A: This is a sign of a toxic workplace and I feel your pain. You want to focus on work while building relationships — check that, healthy work relationships. You can do a few things: you can simply state you're not participating in these conversations. Remove yourself from the situation. You might want to say something like, "I'm not getting involved in this, but let's talk about Friday's report that we're working on..." Shut it down. Exit the building. Do what you need to do.

Outside the office, set boundaries on your social media feeds as well; be cognizant about what you're sharing and with whom. Essentially, aim to limit their access to you unless it's 100 percent related to work. You may gradually pull back or do it suddenly, but just be cognizant about engagement that occurs both online and off.

Also, you might want to align yourself with positive people in the organization, maybe find a new mentor or participate in volunteer community projects with people in other departments. Aside from your workload, you can build relationships with people in your company who behave professionally.

If the gossip escalates into bullying, you may want to involve your boss and/or HR. Work environments, even remote ones, should be healthy where you can thrive and feel inclusive, ultimately part of a positive culture. Gossip is a sign of a negative

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culture and it's not harmless especially if nothing's being done to stop it. I've seen people leave jobs solely because of the gossip mill and they always felt a huge relief when they started their new jobs.

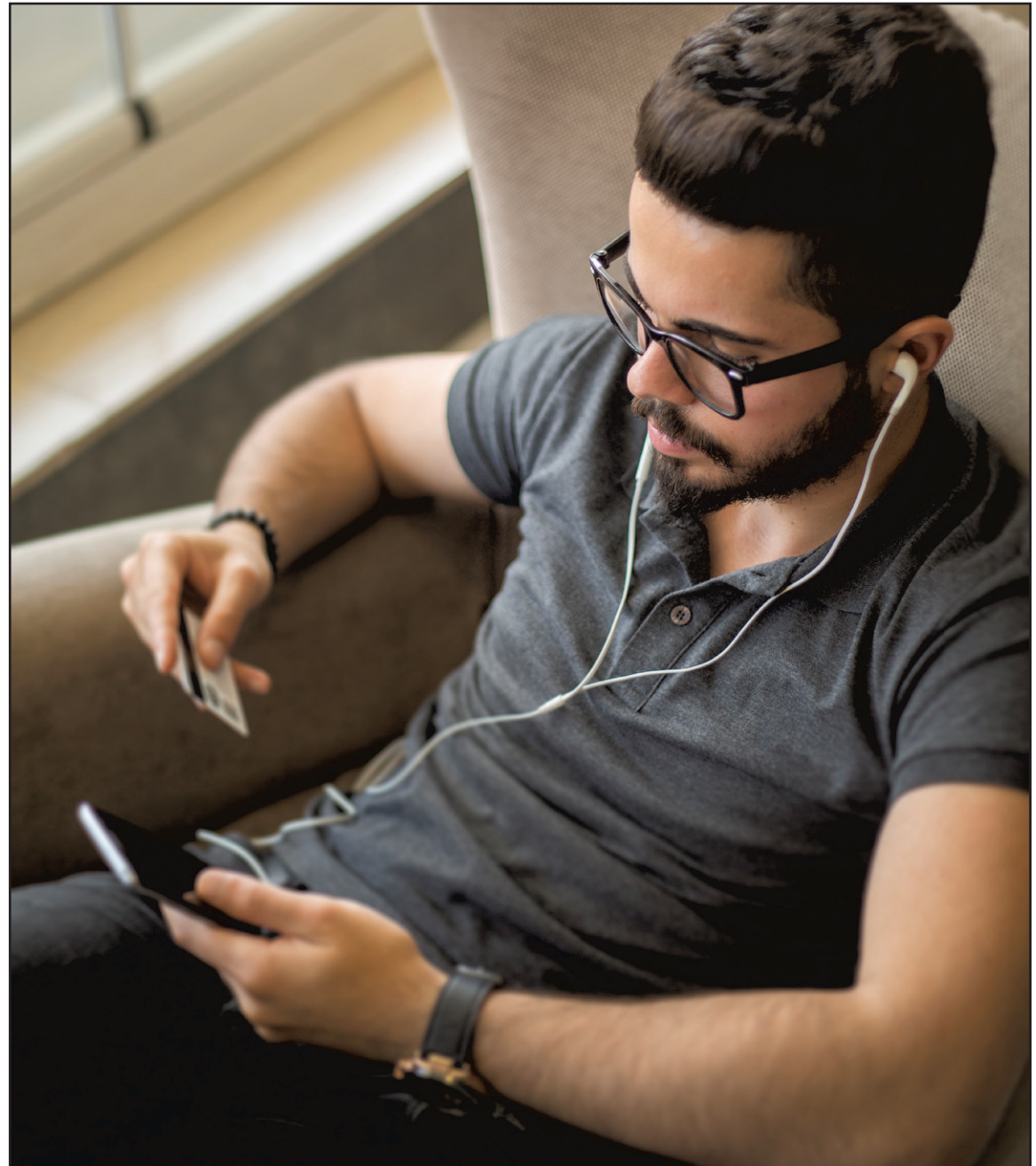
Q: I am re-entering the workforce after a short stint in retirement. I'm focused entirely on part-time gigs. I found one promising one that I can also work from home and create my own hours. But the application asked for personal information (my birthday and Social Security number). Is this a scam?

A. Run, do not walk, away from this role. Whether you get an email request, a random link, or anything asking for this information, do not give it. Never — I repeat never — give anyone your birth date and SSN under the guise of employment. Unfortunately, scammers exist and when it comes to looking for a job, you may think it sounds legitimate and relevant to employment, and may not even notice it as a red flag. But since you're questioning it, I'm confirming that your instincts are spot on. Hello, identity theft.

In a situation that's above board, whether it's a full-time job or part-time one like you're pursuing, you will likely need to complete an official employment application that asks for pertinent information like your home address and SSN and submit a W4 form for full-time employment (W9 for self-employed contractors). Typically new hires need to complete this paperwork after accepting the offer and before starting employment so they can be properly set up on payroll mapped to their state and appropriate tax withholdings.

Again, if someone asks you for this confidential information upfront during the job search/job interview process, even if the company or person seem legit, do not give it to them.♥

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Answering the ‘weakness’ question

BY **VICKI SALEMI**
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Q: How should I answer a question about my greatest weakness during a job interview? Do employers really want to hear about my weak points?

A. Great question! You’re not alone as it may feel like a catch-22 because you want to present yourself in the best light possible and yet here you are expecting to expose your biggest weakness. Rest assured, employers aren’t trying to “catch you” in a gotcha moment, but it can definitely feel awkward. You may be tempted to revert to the ubiquitous answer: “I’m too detail-oriented” or “I’m a perfectionist and need to let go more.” It’s clear to the interviewer that it comes across as a faux weakness in disguise as a potential strength.

Consider this question instead: During your last performance review, what did your boss say needs improvement? Even though the interviewer may not specifically ask it, this is another way to ask the weakness question while getting an authentic answer. You can state something like, “Well, I can tell you about my last performance review what needed improvement...”

Refer to a specific situation. For instance, maybe your boss said you need to improve your sales numbers, but many things impacted sales during the pandemic so the metrics changed to factor in touch points in building the relationship rather than solely relying on the outcome of sales. So, you can leverage the weakness question to talk about something you’re focused on improving and steps you’ve taken to get there.

Q: Am I going to stay in a plateau if I make another lateral move in my career?

A: Making a lateral move can be a savvy move in a variety of situations! Your career isn’t only an upward trajectory. It may zig, it may zag, it may feel stuck or go backward at time, but movement — even laterally — can be a good thing.

While I don’t know your line of work, a lateral move internally may equate to learning new skills, meeting new people, networking internally and bolstering your resume so it’s more valuable to external employers. Think of it as a pivot, not necessarily dead-end.

It could position you as a springboard to become more qualified for external opportunities or it could position you perhaps to the career path you’ve desired and now want to expand upward, leveraging this lateral move as a starting point.

Perhaps you work for a toxic boss, you’ve been looking for a job externally and haven’t quite found the right one yet, so a lateral move will help you swiftly exit your situation while continuing to search externally.

My only caution for lateral moves is to revisit the purpose: if it’s a temporary pivot to exit a toxic situation, gain new skills or enter reason xyz here, make sure the short-term plan matches the short-term solution. Don’t get too comfortable — keep your eye on the prize which in many instances involves the on-ramp to a new employer. ♥

Finding the right job



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Q: I've been applying for a lot of jobs lately and seem to have found myself in a weird grey area. I can only seem to find jobs that I'm overqualified or underqualified for. I never hear anything from the entry-level jobs and the jobs I'm underqualified for turn me down after one or two interviews. I ask for feedback but never get any. Should I tweak my resume to seem more entry-level, take interview classes, or just study up on topics I don't know much about? What do you recommend?

A: This sounds like an opportunity to begin again and start fresh. Without knowing the industry you're pursuing or your work background, start networking to have informational interviews — meaningful, deep conversations with people who are connected to people who know you, trust and vouch for you. Ask them to review your resume and give you feedback as to what are the top two or three skills you should hone and any experiences you need to gain to get a foot in the door; even by volunteering or pursuing something unpaid (temporarily) so you can bolster your resume.

It sounds like you're getting interviews and proceeding to the first or second round, which is a good thing. I'd recommend yes, brushing up interview skills to tie your skills and experiences back to the job, but if you're underqualified for them and landing the initial employer connection up until the first or two round and that's where it ends, employers may think you don't have the ability right now to step in and do the job.

Focus on articulating past situations when you learned something new quickly and succeeded so you can share examples. Interview classes, a career coach or contact at an alma mater's career center on campus can help polish your talking points so you're both authen-

tic and convincing in being able to demonstrate how you can do the job.

Your ideas are spot on: It's always a good idea to learn about topics you don't know much about. If you interviewed for industries or areas that were new to you, perhaps that came across during the interview. Absorb as much as you can -- this includes industry articles, company news, social media feeds, industry experts, blogs, etc.

I'm not surprised employers aren't sending feedback mainly since they would need to give the same type of feedback to every single candidate they didn't pursue as equal opportunity employers. Plus, many companies simply don't have the time. So don't take the radio silence personally although it could be frustrating for sure.

Whatever you do, don't give up! Continue looking for jobs that you're qualified for, as it sounds like right now you've been found either underqualified or overqualified, hence your predicament. You may want to tweak your resume to get your foot in the door and work your way up, focus perhaps on part-time opportunities to also work your way up/expand your search, brush up on interviewing, learning as much as you can. Good luck!

Q: I have a job interview lined up next week. It's video. I'm pretty good at them, but help! I have nowhere quiet to go. My two roommates are always home and we have two barking dogs. I quit my job last month, so I can't go into my old office (even though I knew that would be weird if I still worked there). What should I do?

A: First, congrats on your upcoming interview! And it's great that you're thinking ahead now rather than during the interview when you're distracted and con-

cerned about the impression you're making with potential interruptions. You have several options.

Connect with your library and ask if there are quiet study rooms you can reserve. If they do, and it seems quiet and ideal for your sanctuary interview location, notice the lighting, acoustics, seating height and more so you can bring a portable Ring light and adjust the height of the chair so your eye level meets the device's lens. Think also about background if you need to bring an artificial plant or something simple and portable.

Co-working spaces are another option. Many of them offer day-only deals or a

trial day so you don't have to be a monthly member. In addition, they usually have some type of private office situation that you can reserve by the hour.

Another idea is a local community college — see if perhaps their library has an option or if there's somewhere else quiet on campus you can reserve for an hour. Once you start researching these avenues, new ones will probably emerge, so then it becomes a matter of finding the one that best suits your needs. (And if there's a cost, check with your tax accountant, but it's probably tax-deductible since it's related to your job search!) ♥



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THE RIGHT THING: How not to behave when caught lying

BY JEFFREY L. SEGLIN
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My son, Ed, has been a high school English teacher for 27 years. In the late 1990s, he told me the story of an assignment he received from a student that looked suspicious.

Ed noticed that the typeface in the student's paper was inconsistent, but also that a URL for a webpage was at the bottom of the last page. When Ed went to the URL on his computer, he found that the majority of the student's paper had been cut and pasted from the website into a Word document, an original introduction had been written (thus the different typeface), and the student handed in the paper as their own work.

The student received a zero for the assignment and was asked to meet with his teacher. When Ed called up the webpage from which the paper had been lifted word for word, the student's response was: "How did my paper get on the internet?"

Ed's story came to mind as I was exploring how people respond to getting caught in a lie or misdeed. Sadly, a natural response to getting caught is to deny the action and,



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if confronted, to double down, insist on innocence, or to tell more lies to cover up the original lie.

I've told the story before of how as a 12-year-old, I found a pinball machine at a local arcade that had free games on it before I deposited any money and that kept offering more free games no matter how long I'd played, regardless of my score. When the arcade operator came over and asked if I had paid for the games, my initial response was to say "yes." After his eyes went to the coin slot that was covered by tape, I knew I had been caught in a lie. He let me leave without comment, but the shame of getting caught stuck with me.

But for many, when the tape is not on the coin slot, the temptation is to go from fear of getting caught to shame of getting caught to panic that if you don't embrace the lie with vigor, all is lost.

Such behavior is in common view not only among us common folk, but also in high relief among politicians, celebrities and others in the news. Often when the high-profile person is caught, their top-notch handlers go into action and concoct a sincere statement of contrition. It's rare but sadly not uncommon for some to show no remorse and go on to engage in more lies.

It's not always a lie. Sometimes it's getting caught laughing at a joke told at someone else's expense, recognizing that such behavior was wrong, and then doing something to compensate for our original inappropriateness but doing something far worse.

Most of us don't have the luxury of high-priced handlers to do damage control. The right thing, of course, is to avoid lying or engaging in acts we know to be wrong before we do them. But when caught, the ethical response is to acknowledge the wrong, to avoid casting blame or excuses, and to apologize.

The temptation is to go from fear of getting caught to shame of getting caught to panic that if you don't embrace the lie with vigor, all is lost.

Sure, doing so might result in undesirable consequences. But more often than not, it's not only the original lie we tell that wreaks havoc on our and sometimes others' lives, but also the lies we tell to cover the lies we told. ♥

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THE RIGHT THING:

**Don't say: 'I'll get back to you'
unless you mean it**

BY **JEFFREY L. SEGLIN**

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Apparently, I am a dinosaur when it comes to voicemail. I still listen to voicemails that I receive from people who call me and leave a message. I have my office phone set up to forward voicemail messages directly to me as email attachments so I'm notified of them shortly after the message is left.

Granted, fewer people leave me voicemails these days, but I still try to return messages from all but those who are trying to sell me something that I don't want or to offer me the chance to earn substantial amounts of cash through what appears to be some sort of scam.

For most people, however, voicemail seems to be a place where messages go to die, and this is nothing new. Back in 2013, eVoice, a company that helps users manage phone calls by using virtual phone numbers, conducted a survey and found that 67 percent of respondents couldn't even be bothered to listen to the voicemails from business contacts whose phone numbers they recognized. Eighty-two percent didn't listen to voicemails that arrived from unknown numbers.

Nevertheless, many people persist in maintaining voicemail boxes encouraging callers to leave a message. When you have no intention of listening to let alone returning a voicemail message, is it wrong to lead a caller to believe otherwise by ending your outgoing message with something along the lines of: "... I'll get back to you as soon as I can"?

Some who have no plans to listen to or respond to voicemails have taken a more responsible approach by never activating a voicemail box in the first place, making it impossible for callers to leave a message. Others make it clear in their outgoing mes-

sage that they do not respond to voicemail and that if the callers would like to reach them they should email them, text them, or perhaps just call back at another time. "Please don't leave a voicemail" seems a reasonable message particularly when followed by "but instead you can contact me by..." with the relevant details included.

Any of these or similar approaches strike me as good when it comes to managing or choosing not to manage voicemail. If you have no intention of listening to voicemails let alone respond to them, then the right thing is not to mislead a caller into believing you will or simply not offer callers a voicemail option.

There are good reasons to eschew voice-

mails. Most people are busy keeping up with texts, emails, social media messages, and any number of messages that are more immediate and quicker to access than voicemail. Just as many people don't have a sense of urgency to respond to a postal letter, many don't have a sense of urgency to respond to voicemails. Fine. Good. Perfectly acceptable.

But telling people you will respond even if in an outgoing message you recorded months if not years ago is misleading. Callers who might believe the message they left is urgent should at least know you have no intention of listening to it or returning it so they can find some other way to reach you if they must. ♥



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THE RIGHT THING: Seek the choice that gives you that peaceful easy feeling

BY JEFFREY L. SEGLIN

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A lyric from The Eagles' song "The Best of My Love" was running through my head recently: "You see it your way, I see it mine, but we both see it slipping away."

The words and melody were implanted like an earworm not because of a sudden desire to relive my freshman year in college, but because of several conversations I've had with readers or friends about ethical challenges they told me they were facing.

The conversations each started similarly. "I want to do the right thing here," or a close variation, followed quickly by a description of a disagreement or challenging situation. Each of them was talking with me because I regularly write about how people grapple with making ethical choices, and I have some insight. Most of us have insight.

Whether the person asking for it finds it something they want to hear is a different thing.

When someone seeks advice on "doing the right thing" or making an ethical choice, all I can do is to help them think through the choice they



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are about to make. I can listen and offer them feedback on whether what they have done or plan to do seems fair to all parties involved. I can help them try to see how other stakeholders involved might be affected by their choices. I can do all sorts of things to help them try to make the best right choice they can make.

What I can't do is to ensure that their decision to do what's right will result in the outcome they desire. A business relationship might suffer if they choose to take a strong stand that runs counter to the desires of others in that business. A friendship might be strained. Ultimately, a choice might be made that strikes them as

being morally abhorrent. No matter how ethically right someone is in making the choice they make, it is no guarantee that others will see the world the way they do.

This doesn't mean that whoever they find themselves up against is immoral or unethical – at least not always. More often than not, it simply means that one person's ethical choice is not the same as another's. They simply disagree.

Joan Didion wrote in her 1965 essay, "The Insidious Ethic of Conscience," that "when we start deceiving ourselves into thinking not that we want something or need something" but that it is a "moral imperative that we have it," that is when "we

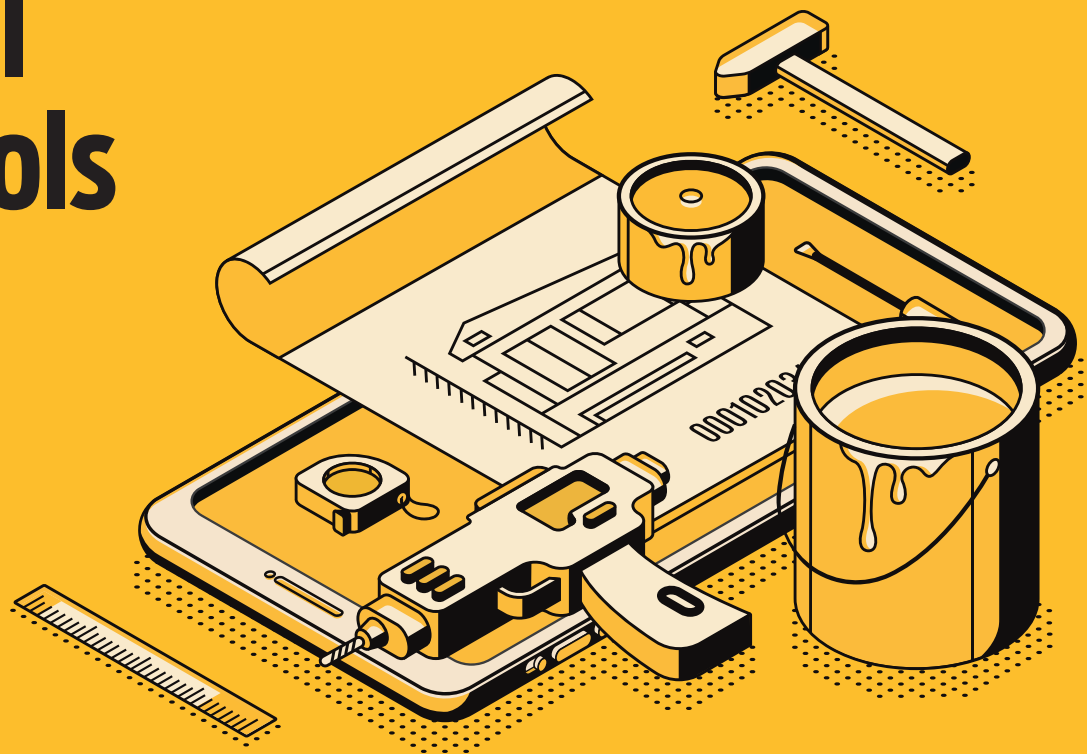
join the fashionable madmen," and that "is when we are in bad trouble."

I will tell you the same things I tell those who seek advice: Choose to do the right thing not because it will result in you always getting your way and not because your righteousness will always win over others, but because ultimately having the integrity to think through a situation and to do what you believe to be right will help keep you from becoming the person you swore you never wanted to become. It just may give you that "peaceful easy feeling" The Eagles first sang about back when I was in high school – and now is another song I can't get out of my head. ♥

Keeping useful household tools

BY **PAUL F.P. POGUE**
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Sometimes you can't hire a pro to handle a job, or it's a small thing you can handle yourself. Whatever the case, all well-prepared homes should be equipped with the basics to handle the kind of everyday tasks that can come up. You don't need to get fancy, expensive equipment for regular home issues. In many cases, simpler is better. Here are six things that should be easily accessible in every home.



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Basic toolbox

Keep a box with these essential basics: tape measure, claw hammer, utility knife, level, crescent wrenches, hex keys, a handsaw, pliers, multiple screwdrivers and a collection of screws and nails. Try to keep it organized and easily accessible; it's very easy for a tool box to dissolve into chaos if you don't keep things in proper order. You'll thank yourself later on when you need to find a particular screwdriver for a task.



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Fire extinguisher

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher per floor.

If you have only one, make sure it's near the kitchen, where most home fires start. Look for an ABC-rated unit that will extinguish all fire types. Teach everyone in the home where it is and how to use it. While you're at it, make sure your family has a plan to escape in the event of fire, and practice it.



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Drill and drill bits

A battery-powered drill and driver is an essential home tool. Add a selection of drill bits in many sizes to be ready for whatever you need. The standard 12-volt cordless drill you can find at many big-box stores should provide more than enough juice for most home purposes.

Stepladder/stepstool

A must-have for many household needs. Many injuries take place due to people using chairs or other inappropriate stand-ins for a ladder. Remember to practice ladder safety: Never go beyond its recommended top step, don't try to reach just a few inches more, and have a buddy hold and stabilize the ladder for you.



Safety equipment

Keep plastic gloves, leather gloves, dust masks, ear protection and eye protection on hand. You never know when a job might call for them. It's wise to use protection during a wide variety of tasks — a mishap during yard work or while using a drill can lead to eye injury. You can usually find safety kits that will include all the basics you need. ♥



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Emergency supply kit

FEMA recommends keeping an easily accessible kit with these items for emergencies: three days of food for every person in the house, one gallon of water per day per person, first aid kit, flashlight, weather radio, basic tools, dust masks, plastic sheets, garbage bags, can opener, medicine, hygiene products and cellphone charger. You can find more details from FEMA at [Ready.gov/kit](https://www.fema.gov/ready).

Why you shouldn't store these 5 things in your bathroom

*Varying temperatures and humidity
can affect common items in
adverse ways*



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There are some things that just make sense to have in the bathroom: towels, soap and your toothbrush. You likely store quite a few other things there, too, like razors and makeup and even medications.

Not all of these should be stored in the same room — where you take hot showers, however. Here are five items you need to remove from your bathroom and keep elsewhere, according to some medical and beauty experts.

Medication

The medicine cabinet has traditionally been in the bathroom. Who hasn't snooped in a friend's medicine cabinet while washing their hands? But changes in humidity and heat can make your meds less effective or even expire sooner, according to MedlinePlus.

Makeup and brushes

By now most people are aware that makeup brushes are breeding grounds for germs and bacteria. Those germs are then transferred to your makeup and your face. That pesky heat and humidity in the bathroom help the bacteria grow faster. Cleaning your brushes regularly cuts down on contamination, but it's also a good idea to store both your makeup and brushes in the bedroom for hygiene purposes, according to beauty site Byrdie.

Perfume

Heat and humidity can degrade a perfume's fragrance. According to a spokesperson for Fragrance Direct, heat "breaks down the chemical bonds that give a perfume its scent. Direct heat is not only bad for the fragrance, but it can warp or melt plastic bottles, and even lower heat over the long term breaks down perfume."



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Razors

Dampness and humidity will dull a razor blade by causing the metal to oxidize and rust. Unless your razors are in airtight packaging, it's best to keep them in a vanity or bedside table drawer.

Electronics

Humidity from hot showers can damage your cellphone, its charger, a radio and other electronic devices. If your electronics aren't protected against moisture, you should move them out of the bathroom. ♥



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Sharpen your knife skills to avoid injury

BY JASON HOWLAND
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The kitchen can be a chaotic place. With all of the cooking, baking and food preparation, kitchen knife mishaps can occur.

Mayo Clinic experts have some advice on how to avoid an unnecessary trip to the emergency department for a kitchen knife injury.

“We’ve had patients who have, unfortunately, stuck a knife through their hand as it slipped,” says Dr. Sanj Kakar, a Mayo Clinic orthopedic surgeon. “So we see a lot of these injuries happen over the holiday season.”

Dr. Kakar says kitchen knife cuts can be serious, even devastating.

“In the hand, you know, it’s very complicated. We worry about injury to bones, hand fractures, but other things, (such as) if we cut the tendon, which is the rope that moves our hands and fingers, or nerve injury or even blood vessel injuries.”

Before you take a stab at carving up that tough vegetable, make sure you’re using the right technique. Mayo Clinic Executive Chef Jen Welper explains a common mistake people make while using a knife:

“Don’t go straight down with your knife. Just kind of already make contact inside of it, and then help push down,” Welper says.

She adds that using sharp knives to drive into what you’re cutting will not only require less pressure but also can help keep the food or knife from slipping.

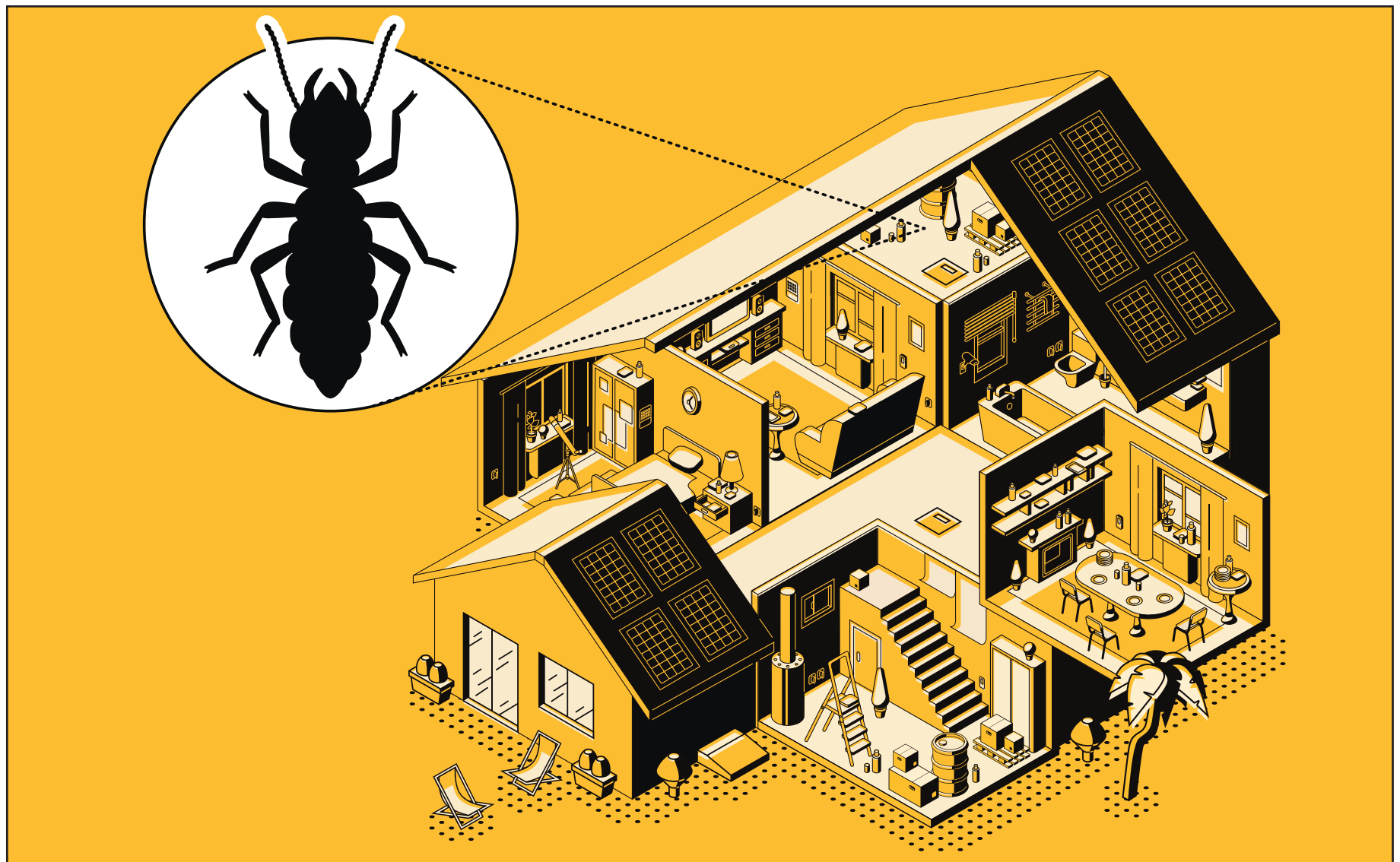


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Some other tips to avoid hand injuries include:

- **Slice away from your hand and keep your fingers clear of the blade.**
- **Never use the palm of your hand as a cutting board.**
- **Keep your eyes on your cutting. Avoid distractions and alcohol.**





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8 tips to prevent pests in your home

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
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Unwanted and uninvited guests can really ruin your day — and that goes double if they're rodents, insects or other pests that decide your backyard party, picnic or kitchen are a great place for an impromptu pest party. Here are eight tips for keeping surprise visitors away from your home.

1. Act quickly

As soon as you spot signs of potential pest infestations, take steps to address the problem. If you see a few flies or ants, or some mouse droppings in a corner, there's probably a lot more you can't see.

2. Store food securely

Unprotected food is like a bell ringing "dinnertime!" for pests. Store all food in airtight containers. Keep your kitchen and dining room clean of crumbs and wipe up sugary liquids immediately. Seal garbage cans to ward off pests.



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3. Check the exterior

Walk around your house and think from a pest's perspective. What entry points can you see, and what can you do to prevent them? Make sure tree limbs and bushes don't touch your outer walls; they offer easy access for insects. If you have firewood, store it on a platform away from the house. Check for damage on window and door screens, and repair any holes. Make sure mulch isn't right up against your walls.

4. Watch the water

Moisture attracts insects and creates breeding grounds. Look out for any standing water in your yard. Mosquitoes can breed in just half an inch of water; a bottle cap is enough to get the job done. Clear any debris that can hold water and frequently change the water in birdbaths.

5. Protect your attic

Squirrels, raccoons and other animals look for a warm, dry place to hide out for winter and will use any entry point they can find to hide in your attic. Close up any holes and make sure your soffits and roof ridges are in good shape.

6. Inspect the foundation

Cracks in your foundation provide perfect infiltration points for pests. Carefully check around your exterior and seal up gaps with caulk. Keep your gutters and downspouts clean, because clogged gutters can create standing water.

7. Hire a pro

Don't hesitate to hire a pest control pro if your best efforts fail. A good company will do more than just get rid of the pests. They'll also plug the entry points to keep them from returning and offer tips for your specific situation. When hiring, verify that they hold the proper licensing for your state or municipality. Also, make sure they have whatever certifications are required for their specific pesticides.

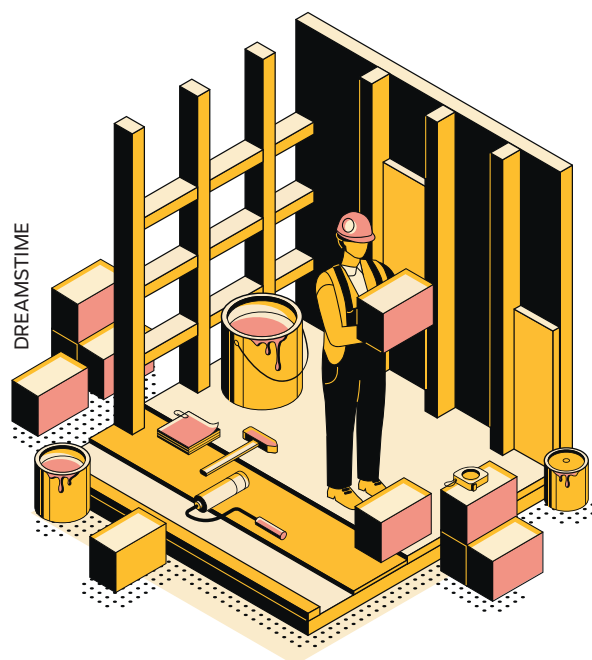
8. Consider integrated pest management

Integrated pest management, also known as IPM, combines multiple strategies to prevent pests in an environmentally conscious manner. It combines prevention methods with monitoring to determine which organisms need to be controlled and with what techniques. Ask your pest control pro if they're familiar with IPM and how it can benefit you. ✓

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Look out for these contractor red flags

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It's frightening to think the contractors you pay to work on your home may not always have your best interests at heart. While most pros take their duty of good work seriously, there are still those who seek to take advantage of people's trust. Fear not, though; there is a solution for every underhanded scheme. And in all cases, the best solution is to stop the fraud before it starts. Here's our rundown of some of the most common scams and the best way to avoid them.

Storm chasers know people are desperate, so they travel around with pop-up businesses to weather-ravaged areas.

The flag: The excessive down payment
Your contractor asks for a down payment that seems high for the job.

The solution: Down payments are entirely normal since contractors usually have big material purchases to make. However, a crooked contractor can easily take the money and run, and often ask for more than they should. Be skeptical of any contractor who asks for more than 1/3 the cost of the job. (Some areas, such as California, govern down payments with specific limits. Be aware of your state and local laws.)

The flag: The scare tactic

Here's a true fright: You hire someone for a job, such as installing a new roof, and they quickly start talking about five other things they should fix right away. And oh yeah, they'll cost a lot more money.

The solution: It's easy to fall for this one because it's so logical. If you're doing a big job, such as removing a roof, it makes sense that you'll uncover other invisible problems. To avoid this, always get a second opinion before tacking on additional, expensive extras to a project that's already underway. Also, look out for scare tactics in their wording. If they say, "Your chimney is about to crumble!" rather than "Your chimney could use some structural work," be skeptical.

The flag: The guy with extra materials

Someone knocks at your door. "Hey, I was doing a roofing/siding/driveway/etc. job in your neighborhood, and I had some materials left over. I'll work on

your house at a discount so I don't waste them. What do you say?"

The solution: This is one of the classics. Good contractors don't use leftover materials on second jobs. Odds are this person has some low-quality materials and is going door-to-door with the scheme. If you hire them, the work will be shoddy, and you'll never see them again. Politely turn them down and close the door.

The flag: The storm chaser

A recent storm did significant damage to your roof. You need repairs, but most companies are booked solid because everyone else in the area got hit by the same storm. Someone shows up at your door saying they're willing to work on your roof and even work with your insurance company.

The solution: Roofing experts say this is one of the most common schemes because it's so tempting to believe. Storm damage often takes weeks for local roofers to catch up with, and you want your roof fixed ASAP. Storm chasers know people are desperate, so they travel around with pop-up businesses to weather-ravaged areas. They're good at eyeballing how much an insurance company will pay for a particular roof and do the bare minimum to cover it while claiming the entire insurance check. Then, once the storm has passed, the company vanishes, never to be seen again.

To avoid this, only hire licensed, bonded and insured pros who maintain a local and established presence. You want to find someone who will back their work if there are problems years down the line. ♥

How can I ensure my family will be safe in an emergency?

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Take time to review your family's safety systems and procedures. Do you know how to turn off your utilities? An emergency may require you to shut down your water, electrical or gas lines in a pinch. None of these are difficult to do, but you don't want to be fumbling around to figure it out when seconds count. Learn where your home's shutoff points are, and how to access them.

Prep for home fires

At least twice per year, inspect your smoke alarms and check that their batteries are still working.

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home? Equally important, is it up to date? Fire extinguishers lose pressure over time, so periodically check its meter to make sure it's retaining the correct pressure level. A professional can usually recharge your extinguisher if it's lost chemicals or pressure.

Make sure the extinguisher is kept in an accessible place, and that everyone in the family knows where it is and how to use it.

Residential extinguishers are rated A, B or C — or a combination of them. Here's what they mean:

A rating: Puts out fires fueled by wood, paper or cloth.

B rating: Fights fires fueled by liquids such as oil or gasoline.

C rating: Puts out electrical fires.

An ABC fire extinguisher can handle most situations in your house. However, if you have a separate extinguisher for your kitchen, experts recommend a BC extinguisher, which forms a layer that keeps grease from reigniting.

Design a family escape plan, and practice it. According to the American Red Cross, everyone in the household should know two ways to escape from each room in the house. A family should also decide on a place to meet outside of the home after it's been evacuated.

After a family devises a plan, they should practice and time the drills and try to evacuate the home consistently in under two minutes. Smoke is dangerous, so practice low crawling.

Assemble an emergency kit

The Federal Emergency Management Agency strongly urges homeowners to maintain an emergency kit with enough supplies to sustain them for up to 72 hours without help following a disaster. Assem-

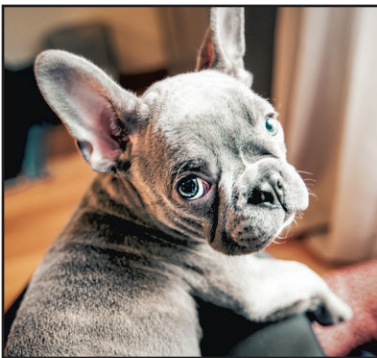
ble it well in advance of an emergency and store it in an easily accessible location. A kit should contain at least the following items:

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- Enough nonperishable food to sustain the family for three days
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cellphone with chargers and a backup battery ✔

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Where to start when you bring home a new puppy

BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
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Raising a puppy can be a life-changing experience, but it can also be a big challenge for both new and experienced owners. To help your pup develop into a happy, healthy, well-adjusted adult dog, The American Kennel Club offers a few tips to keep your new puppy on the right track.

- **Don't play too rough.** Puppies love to play, but they also need to learn the appropriate level of rough play at a young age. Your puppy needs to learn good manners when it comes to playing with other people and other animals. If you let him play too rough when he is a puppy, it can become a bad habit in his adult years.
- **Don't overdo the treats.** As much as those puppy-dog eyes might make it hard to say no, you should limit the amount of treats you give to him. Treats can alter your growing puppy's appetite for better-balanced, more nutritious meals. You also don't want to spoil him. Puppies learn quickly that by begging, crying and acting out, they can get their way.
- **Provide plenty of exercise.** New experiences are important for puppy development. Help stimulate your puppy's mind with puzzles, toys and appropriate



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playthings, and give your puppy plenty of outdoor exercise. Bored dogs are more likely to engage in aggressive or inappropriate behaviors.

- **Consistency is key.** Decide which furniture or parts of the house are off-limits and be consistent with enforcement. Don't reprimand your dog one day for being on the couch and then let him up there the next.
- **Eliminate household dangers.** Make sure

there aren't places in your home where your puppy could easily fall or become trapped. Also, don't keep substances that can sicken him — the garbage, medications, pesticides, etc. — within his reach.

- **Don't let him go untrained.** That puppy misbehavior will become a lot less cute when he's older. Make sure you teach your pup good manners when he is young. Training and socializing him as a puppy will go a long way throughout his adult years. ♥



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How to help your dog adjust to a new baby

BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
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Bringing a new baby home from the hospital is exciting for you, but it may be confusing or frightening to your dog. Suddenly, the baby is taking up most of its owners' time and attention, and the family dog can start to feel anxious or jealous. Taking the right steps before your new baby arrives home can help create a bond between your new addition and your dog.

The American Kennel Club offers the following tips to help your dog adjust to a new addition to the family:

- **Make gradual changes.** If aspects of your dog's routine, like where she sleeps or when she gets walks, are going to change when the baby arrives, it is best to gradually adjust the routine before you bring home the new baby so that the dog will not associate the changes with the baby.
- **Getting acquainted.** Bring an article of the baby's clothing or a baby blanket home so the dog can get used to the infant's scent before the baby arrives.
- **Get adjusted to new sounds.** If your dog is sound-sensitive and you think she may be nervous when the baby cries, you can expose her to a recording of crying baby sounds. Starting with quieter cries, gradually increase the sound until your dog is conditioned to the sound of a baby crying.
- **Introduce your dog to baby items.** The baby will have new swings, seats and toys. Sooner rather than later, show the dog the new items so that she has seen the swing move before there is a baby in it. Make sure to teach her "leave it" before the baby comes home.
- **Dog meets baby.** Your pup will be curious and anxious to meet the new member of the family. To make sure she doesn't jump on you when you come home from the hospital with the new baby, it is a good idea for you and your partner to each greet the dog alone until she calms down and then slowly and carefully introduce her to the baby. Praise your dog for being calm and well-behaved.

- **Keep your attention balanced.** Dogs can often feel left out when a new baby is introduced into the family, taking up most of its owners' time and attention. Be sure to give your dog plenty of attention whether the baby is around or not so she doesn't get jealous. Also, make sure your four-legged friend still gets daily exercise and play sessions. Exercise is an outlet for your dog's energy. It's extremely important to have a calm, mellow dog that doesn't act out when there's a new baby in the house.

- **Supervision.** To protect both parties, dogs and babies/children should always be supervised when together. This applies to when the babies are infants up until they are at least preschoolers. Once your baby begins to crawl, make sure that they don't tug on the dog's tail or ears. Snapping and growling are natural canine behaviors when they are trying to communicate a warning. Even the most tolerant dog has its limits. ♥



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Advice for seniors considering a dog

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Studies show that having a pet can bring both emotional and health benefits to the elderly. But for many seniors, the fear of not being able to provide the proper care, training and exercise may keep them from experiencing the joy of dog ownership.

To help, the American Kennel Club offers the following tips for seniors to match the right breed with their lifestyle.

Where you live

- Small apartments are suitable for toy breeds or small members of the hound and non-sporting groups. Rural settings with lots of space are ideal for large breeds because they need room to exercise.
- If you want your dog to cuddle, sit on the couch or sleep on the bed with you, smaller breeds are most suitable. Toy breeds love to be on their owner's lap and to curl up under the covers at bedtime.

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Exercise

- Active seniors will enjoy a breed from the working, hound and sporting groups. Herding breeds love the outdoors. If you're looking for a specific activity to do with your dog, it's important to take that into consideration when deciding on a breed.
- Less active seniors will enjoy a breed from the toy or non-sporting group. These breeds need minimal exercise and are ideal for short walks or a small fenced-in yard.

Who you live with

- You should consider how many people live in your home and if you have grandchildren or other frequent visitors. If you have several people living in your home or regular visitors, then you should get a breed that is sociable.
- Many herding breeds make great family dogs and love meeting new people. Most toy and non-sporting breeds were bred for companionship and crave attention. This isn't to say that other breeds wouldn't make great family companions. With proper socialization and training, any dog can be an ideal family dog.

Amount of travel

- If you travel often or prefer to take your dog on errands with you, then a small breed is for you. Toy breeds are small enough to fit in travel carriers, so they are more apt to receive a friendly response from managers and employees at stores, hotels and other travel destinations.
- Small dogs can accompany travelers on airplanes as carry-on baggage, while large dogs must stay in the cargo hold, which is not temperature-controlled.

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How to obtain a dog

- Once you have narrowed your selection to a few breeds, the AKC suggests meeting a few dogs in person. Attend a dog show or consult dog-owning friends and neighbors to get a clear picture of what responsible dog ownership requires and

to find out more about different breeds. AKC's Marketplace can help you find responsible breeders in your area who are members of AKC clubs as well as affiliated breed rescue groups that have dogs for adoption in your area. ♥



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Aging parents: 8 warning signs of health problems

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As your parents get older, how can you be sure they're taking care of themselves and staying healthy? When you visit your parents, start by considering these questions:

1. Are your parents able to take care of themselves?

Pay attention to your parents' appearance. Failure to keep up with daily routines — such as bathing and brushing teeth — could indicate dementia, depression or physical impairments.

Also pay attention to your parents' home. Are the lights working? Is the heat on? Is the yard overgrown?

Any changes in the way your parents do things around the house could provide clues to their health. For example, scorched pots could mean your parents are forgetting about food cooking on the stove. Issues such as failing to pay bills, having problems shopping and neglecting housework also might be signs of depression, dementia or other concerns.

2. Are your parents experiencing memory loss?

Everyone forgets things from time to time. Modest memory problems are a fairly common part of aging, and sometimes medication side effects or underlying conditions contribute to memory loss.

There's a difference, though, between normal changes in memory and the type of memory loss that makes it hard to do everyday things such as driving and shopping. Signs of this type of memory loss might include:

- Asking the same questions over and over again
- Getting lost in familiar places
- Not being able to follow instructions
- Becoming confused about time, people and places

3. Are your parents safe in their home?

Take a look around your parents' home, keeping an eye out for any red flags.

Do your parents have difficulty navigating a narrow stairway? Has either parent fallen recently? Are they able to read directions on medication containers? When asked, can your parents explain how they set up or take their medications?

4. Are your parents safe on the road?

Driving can be challenging for older adults. If your parents become confused while driving or you're concerned about their ability to drive safely — especially if they have experienced a moving violation or

an accident — it might be time to stop driving.

5. Have your parents lost weight?

Losing weight without trying could be a sign that something's wrong. Weight loss could be related to many factors, including:

- Difficulty cooking. Your parents might be having difficulty finding the energy to cook, grasping the necessary tools, or reading labels or directions on food products.
- Loss of taste or smell. Your parents might not be interested in eating if food doesn't taste or smell as good as it used to.
- Social issues. Your parents might have difficulty shopping or have financial concerns that limit buying groceries.
- Underlying conditions. Sometimes weight loss indicates a serious underlying condition, such as malnutrition, dementia, depression or cancer.

6. Are your parents in good spirits?

Note your parents' moods and ask how they're feeling. A drastically different mood or outlook could be a sign of depression or other health concerns.

7. Are your parents still social?

Talk to your parents about their activities. Are they connecting with friends? Have they maintained interest in hobbies and other daily activities? Are they involved in organizations, clubs or faith-based communities?

If a parent gives up on being with others, it could be a sign of a problem.

8. Are your parents able to get around?

Pay attention to how your parents walk. Are they reluctant or unable to walk usual distances? Have they fallen recently? Would a cane or walker help?

Issues such as muscle weakness and joint pain can make it difficult to move around as well. If your parents are unsteady on their feet, they might be at risk of falling — a major cause of disability among older adults.

Talk to your parents. Your concern might motivate them to see a doctor or make other changes. Consider including other people who care about your parents in the conversation, such as close friends.



Taking action

There are many steps you can take to ensure your parents' health and well-being, even if you don't live nearby. Try to:

- **Share your concerns.** Talk to your parents. Your concern might motivate them to see a doctor or make other changes. Consider including other people who care about your parents in the conversation, such as close friends.
- **Encourage regular medical checkups.** If you're worried about a parent's weight loss, depressed mood, memory loss, or other signs and symptoms, encourage your parent to schedule a doctor's visit. Ask about follow-up visits as well.
- **Address safety issues.** Point out any potential safety issues to your parents — then make a plan to address the problems. For example, a higher toilet seat or handrails in the bathroom might help prevent falls. If your parents are no longer able to drive safely, suggest other transportation options — such as taking the bus, using a car or van service, or hiring a driver.
- **Consider home care services.** You could hire someone to clean the house and run errands. But discuss this with your loved one first.
- **Contact the health care provider for guidance.** If your parents dismiss your concerns, consider contacting the health care provider directly. Your insights can help the health care provider understand what to look for during upcoming visits.
- **Seek help from local agencies.** Your local agency on aging — which you can find using the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the Administration on Aging — can connect you with services in your parents' area.
- **Remind your parents** that you care about them and that you want to help promote their health and well-being, both today and in the years to come. ♥

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Steps to being a happy couple

BY BARTON GOLDSMITH

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Being a happy couple should come naturally, but there are a few things you can do to up-level your romantic life and make your relationship bulletproof. Here are some suggestions:

- **Be nice to your in-laws.** Don't make them outlaws; make them friends. All it takes is being nice to them and not letting their quirks get to you. You have your own quirks, so be tolerant. As you go through life with these people, they will become easier to be around and they will become your family. My mother-in-law is here, and it's making my wife very happy (and I'm getting in a little football). It's also nice having mommy energy around the house.
- **Don't hold grudges.** Don't hold on to the little things that bug you about the one you love. If it becomes an ingrained habit to hate that part of your partner, it will taint the rest of your marriage. As we mature, letting go of these little things becomes easier, but talking a little more from the start about what you want is the best prevention and relationship protector.
- **Hold off on making decisions** that can affect your lifestyle until you talk to your partner. For example, we hate our kitchen faucet, and the plumber was here, but rather than make a unilateral decision and pick a new one (hey, the kitchen is



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my wife's domain), I just told him to fix it for now. Tonight, we will start researching new faucets — it will be fun, and I do have a vote. I want a touchless, but she gets the final decision, and I did get to pick out the barbecue.

- **Argue respectfully.** No name-calling, belittling, threatening the relationship or bullying. Dear Abby once said, "We never talk about divorce, murder sometimes, but never divorce." That works for me. You will have fights. They are part of life and they are uncomfortable — you just don't need to make them more so. I never put my wife down, because that just ends up making me look and feel bad, and no

one deserves to be treated that way.

- **Stay affectionate even if you aren't sexual.** People go through things that can prevent them from having sex. Some of them are physical, and some are emotional, but affection should not stop. If, for some reason, you are withholding sex as a punishment for some resentment you are carrying, you need to seek therapy because the resentment will only push the two of you further apart.
- **Have adventures.** Go to places the two of you have never gone to before. It's really that simple. I have a favorite restaurant, but we go there only every few

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months because we are trying every place in town. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it. Besides, research shows that having new experiences together makes you closer.

- **Share your love.** Children, pets, friends and family will all help you increase your love. The more you give, the more you have to give. I get a great deal of pleasure watching my wife play with the animals; they love each other so much, it's just heartwarming. She's also great with the little kids, who all think she is magical because she interacts with them like a Disney princess. It's really fun to watch, and again, it just brings in more love to both our lives.

These simple suggestions require that you have an open heart and that you want to make things better. Couples who strive to make their relationships nicer have a much better time together than those who just stay with the status quo and let any negative feelings fester. ♥

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7 things you get from a good relationship

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Upon the rarest of occasions (OK maybe weekly), my wife gets a little tweaked at me. I don't know what I did, my head is buried in a book or the computer, I'm an innocent by-sitter. But I listen to her complaint du jour and give her a chance to share (read: vent) her feelings. Why do I (and the rest of us in happy marriages) put up with it? Because what I get from this amazingly loving relationship far outweighs any issues we think we may have. Here is some of what comes my way.

It isn't work, it's pure happiness.

1. Emotional support. She is my cheerleader as well as my shoulder to cry on when I don't win the big game. She knows my wounds and triggers and avoids them, because she can talk to me in a way that makes me feel loved. The knowledge that I will always and in all ways have her unconditional support gives me the strength to take on the world.

2. Honest advice. I don't know it all, and she comes from a very different perspective, so her input has made me do things differently. And the results are good. Her advice is never brutal or a putdown; she does it with kindness.

3. Unexpected niceties. I had a therapist's version of hell week at a workshop I went to recently. It was a ten-hour day capped off with a four-hour drive. But when I finally got home, my wife had my favorite dinner ready. I showered, ate, and she made me rest the whole next day.

4. More love. The longer we are together, the more I feel the love. Yes, some moments make me want to visit my cousin on his boat in Mexico, but that doesn't happen often. Mostly I just feel her warm energy reminding me that everything is OK because we are together. And for us, that is all that really matters. Everything else is small stuff.

5. A new view. My wife comes from Europe, so her way of doing things is very different, her outlook on life is very positive, and she is very easily pleased and amused (except by my lame jokes). Through her eyes and heart, I experience life twice as much and twice as nice. Just the sight of a crepe myrtle tree in bloom makes her happy, and that joy is contagious. Lucky me.

6. Family. Yes, we are a family, just the two of us and our dog Foxy and Phoenix the cat. Her mother is visiting just now, so it feels like all the love in the world is in my home. And I know there is more to come. She has a brother and sister I have yet to meet, and I even have a new baby nephew. I find the whole thing very heartwarming, and feeling like I'm in an episode of "The Waltons" keeps a smile on my face.

7. She has my back. I know that no matter what happens, she will care for me. She can criticize the daylights out of me, but nobody else better try, because they will arouse the tiger in my sweetheart.

Giving love is as good as getting it. The joy that we share makes this the best time in our lives. We are openly and honestly loving each other and doing the work to keep that happening every moment of every day. It isn't work — it's pure happiness. ♥



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9 things you can do while you're waiting

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When you have some extra time on your hands — not enough to really go anywhere or paint a room, but just several minutes or at most half an hour — you may wish you could be productive rather than just kill time. Here are a few things you can do while waiting to leave the house, or waiting for that call or email, or when you just have a few extra minutes that you don't want to waste.

1. Read a little. Be it a book, the paper, a blog, or a magazine. Ten minutes of reading a day makes a difference in how you process information. You can get used to not reading, so please remember to use and treasure this amazing gift we have.

2. Floss and brush your teeth. Twice a day is good, and thrice is better. It only takes five minutes, and you will feel refreshed afterward. It's a great little pick-me-up, and, yes, it makes you healthier. There is a connection between our oral health and our heart health. Not to mention your significant other will appreciate it!

3. If you want to freshen up but don't have time for a shower, try washing your face. It will give you a lift and can help reduce your anxiety. If I get stuck writing a particular piece, I find that the five-minute face wash can free up my mind.

4. Put the dishes away (or in the dishwasher). Again, you are using your time wisely, doing something constructive that you will need to do later anyway. Cleaning off counters, taking out the trash, and generally picking up around the house usually takes only a few minutes, and, yes, you will feel better. Throwing in a load of laundry has the same effect. Generally, if your home is more organized, so is your mind.

5. Clean out a junk drawer. I have far too many of these, because when I'm picking up around the house, and I don't know where to put something, it goes in a junk drawer. I have a couple in the kitchen and several more throughout the house. If I were to work on one of these a week in my free minutes, instead of staring at my inbox, the task would be done.

6. Review your social media accounts. A few minutes is all it takes, and this is a good use of time if you're waiting to do something else. Spending hours on social media is not really social, so please manage your time on the internet. If it's the way you choose to relax or communicate with friends, that's perfectly fine, but that takes way longer than five to thirty minutes.

7. Throw out old paperwork. If you have files, envelopes, or opened letters on your desk, it's probably because you don't have time to attack the whole desk-cleaning process, or you're intimidated by it. Start by just doing it in five to twenty minute chunks, while you're waiting. Doing this will keep your desk cleaner.

8. Reach out to an old friend. Send a text or an email to someone who is in your life

but with whom you have not communicated in a while (other than liking their posts on Facebook). Getting in touch will make both of you feel better, and that time will serve you well because we all need old friends in our lives.

9. If someone or something (with a tail) is around, you can spend a few extra minutes giving him, her, or it some extra attention. Petting the dog or cat helps us to relax, lowers our blood pressure, and makes us feel more secure and so does a nice long hug. Not a bad way to spend some time.

Five to ten minutes is enough time to change your clothes or change your life, depending on what you choose to do. We haven't got enough time to waste, so try to enhance your life with those extra minutes. ♥



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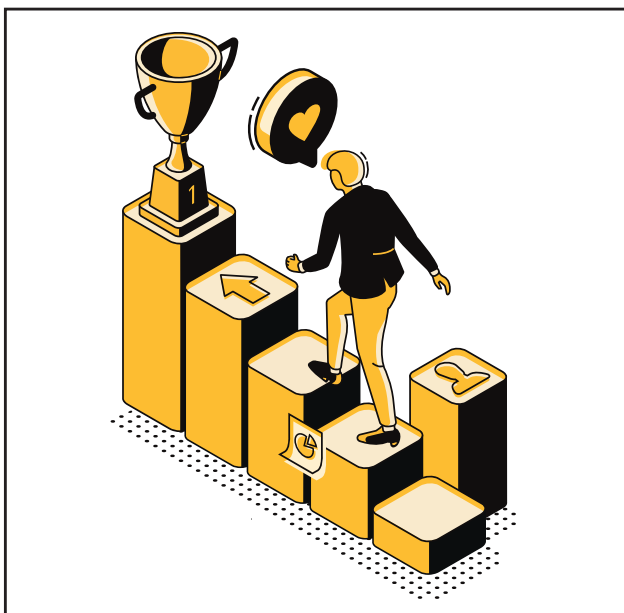


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10 tips that will make your life better

BY **BARTON GOLDSMITH**
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Getting through life is an art form, and most of the time what we are trying to create is not gallery worthy, but there are many ways to upgrade your existence. Here are a few that will help.



1. Give up lying. The truth always comes out, and any ill-gotten gains will quickly disappear. People you have tried to hurt are living better lives, and the act you lied about probably didn't make a damn bit of difference in the big picture of your life.

2. Love is the only thing worth holding on to. Many things can get in the way, like sex, greed, temptation, aging, and illness. But love will make you whole, and nothing else ever will in the same way. No, unfortunately, it doesn't work for everyone, but give it another try (or get a dog).

3. Release negative memories and thoughts. Tell yourself out loud that you don't want to think about this anymore (best to do this while you are alone). Sometimes just hearing your thoughts spoken aloud can make a huge difference. Give it a try.

4. Give yourself a break. Being overly hard on yourself when you have made a mistake just makes matters worse, because the mistake then takes over your thoughts for a while. Life is a learning process — please keep that in mind.

5. Know that if your basic necessities are covered, money can never be the most important thing. If making more money is your main drive, you will hurt yourself and others in the long game. And you will miss out on a lot of life. You have to ask yourself, "How much is enough?" and learn to be happy with what you have.

6. Recognize that if you enjoy conflict, there's something unhealed inside you. No matter how you express your ire, be it by passive-aggressive behavior, by texting nasty things, or by being a bully, it's toxic for you as well. This is a strong sign that you need some counseling. Get it.

7. Find one thing in the day to look forward to (and it can't be going to bed). Any moment of pleasure will do; you can't live a life with zero happiness, but you may feel you are unless you begin to embrace some of the simple things we tend to take for granted. Like cooking a meal!

8. Take at least one day off a week. And don't bring the office home with you. That million-dollar deal doesn't require your constant attention and neither does the

broken dishwasher. Pace yourself and just be. If you have to be doing something constantly, it could be a sign that you are fighting some unhappiness and are avoiding thinking about it.

9. Listen to some music every day. Many people enjoy listening to music in the car — that's not for me — but I love my music. These days, technology has given us much more access to it. I have personal-assistant devices in most every room, including the bathroom, so I can now say, "Alexa, play Bruno Mars," and get a little serenade along with my bio-break.

10. Make time for yourself to relax for ten minutes several times a day. These mini-meditations, or just breathers, actually give you more energy and make life a little easier to take. Many of us have long workdays and some days that aren't that easy. A little relaxation can make a huge difference in our lives.

Don't try all of these at once, but if you can integrate one positive behavioral change a week into your lifestyle, things will get nicer very quickly. ✓

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10 steps to help you accomplish any goal

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The hardest part of getting to the next level in life is figuring out what to do and setting, sustaining and achieving your goal. Here is a simple, tried-and-true goal achievement process that is based on psychological research done at a number of universities. It works best if you write everything down.

1. Describe your goal in as much detail as possible. What is your target date for reaching your goal? Remember to keep it reasonable; you may not be able to do anything for another few months so don't set yourself up for frustration.

2. When will you begin? The answer is right now, because the thought process has begun, but there are other first steps. Make a timeline for those.

3. Ask yourself what are the personal benefits you will receive from achieving this goal? Things like health, wealth, happiness, power, saving the world, or feeling love all count. Write them down.



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4. Now ask yourself what benefits others can derive from the achievement of this (your) goal? If what you do benefits no one but yourself, then you won't get as much out of it, and you also won't find as much support along the way. Modify your goal, if needed, to bring benefits to others.

5. Make a list of possible obstacles. Anything from money to time — write down as many obstacles as you can think of. You may want to give up after this part of the process, or redirect, but trust me, this is a good thing. (We would have responded very differently if we had known the truth about COVID-19 when it first appeared.)

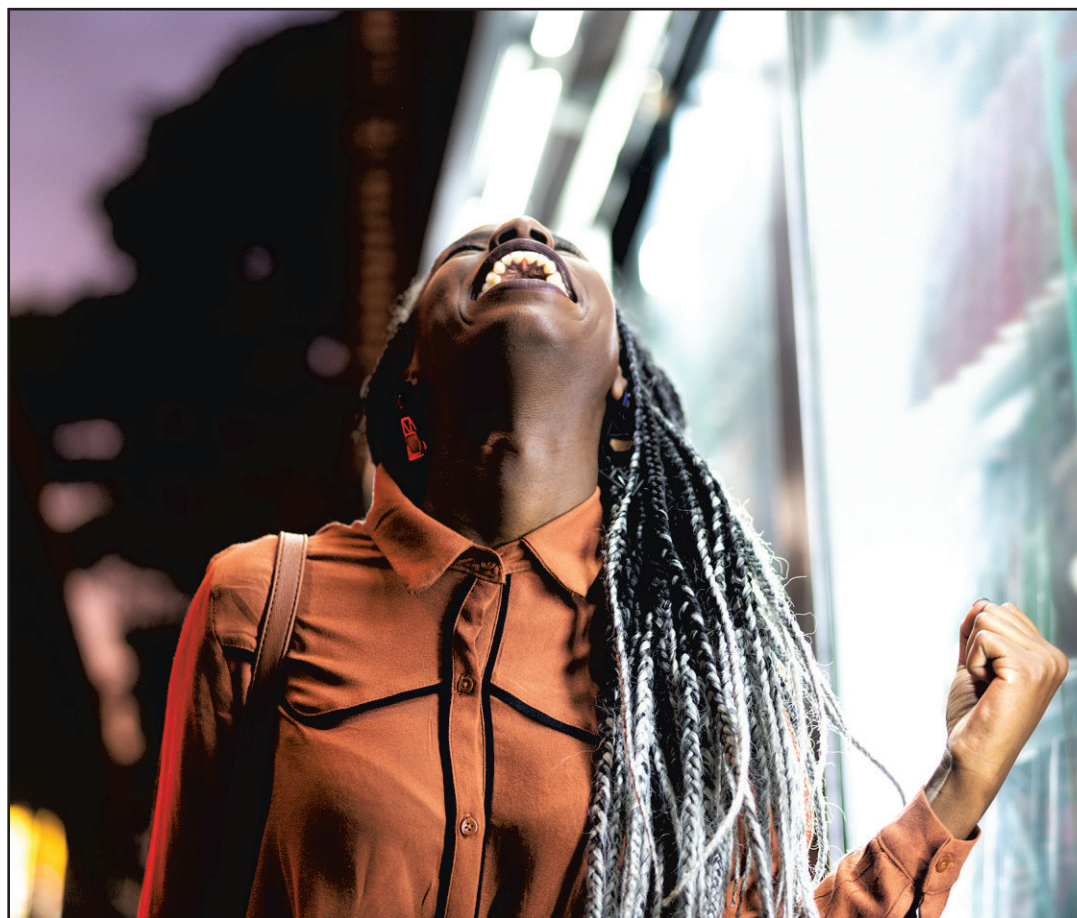
6. Now list some provable solutions to overcoming those potential obstacles. If you know what the problems are, this is a good thing, because you can usually figure out how to overcome them.

7. What action steps do you need to take to reach your goal? Break your tasks into bite-sized chunks that you can accomplish on your own. Or if you need help from someone else, then write down exactly what needs to happen and what resources you will require. Start with the big picture and just start filling in the blank spaces with what you think you might need to do to accomplish your goal.

8. Now create a timeline for taking each of those action steps. These are estimates, so give yourself a little room and plan for temporary setbacks and contingencies.

9. Make the commitment to achieving your goal, put all of your answers in writing, sign at the bottom of the list, and look at your goal progress every day. It will help you reach the goal you desire.

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10. Don't keep it a secret, but don't brag. Tell other people and get your loved ones involved. The more support you have, the greater your motivation and chance of success.

Yes, it's short and sweet and extremely doable if you follow the process. I have all of this on a one-page worksheet available on my website (bartongoldsmith.com) for free, because if you reach your goals, I have achieved mine. ♥



FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.



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A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147

When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it's called "coffeehousing."

FACT #178

Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238

Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279

Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it "had never committed any treason."

FACT #302






Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408

Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early '80s, used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459

When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.



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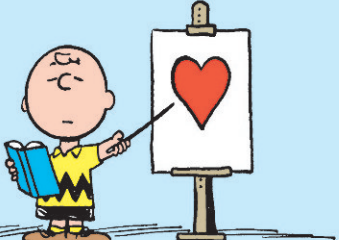
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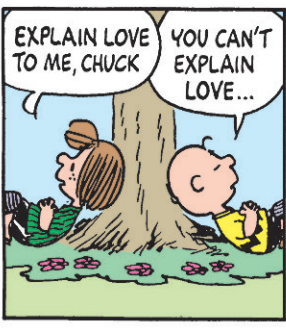
“Good ol’ Charlie Brown”

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EXPLAIN LOVE TO ME, CHUCK

YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN LOVE...

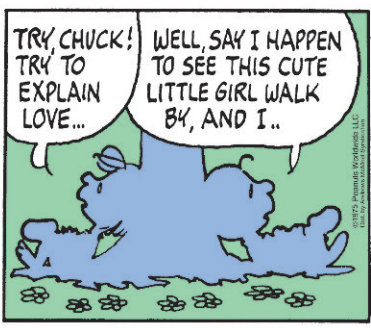


I CAN RECOMMEND A BOOK, OR A PAINTING, OR A SONG, OR A POEM, BUT I CAN'T EXPLAIN LOVE

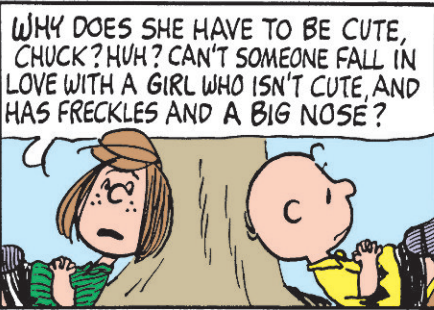


TRY, CHUCK! TRY TO EXPLAIN LOVE...

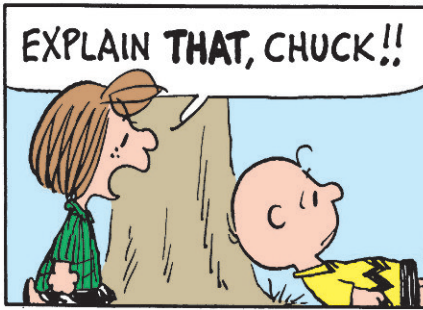
WELL, SAY I HAPPEN TO SEE THIS CUTE LITTLE GIRL WALK BY, AND I..




WHY DOES SHE HAVE TO BE CUTE, CHUCK? HUH? CAN'T SOMEONE FALL IN LOVE WITH A GIRL WHO ISN'T CUTE, AND HAS FRECKLES AND A BIG NOSE?




EXPLAIN THAT, CHUCK!!




WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT... LET'S JUST SAY, THEN, THAT I HAPPEN TO SEE THIS GIRL WALK BY WHO HAS A GREAT BIG NOSE, AND..



I DIDN'T SAY A GREAT BIG NOSE, CHUCK!



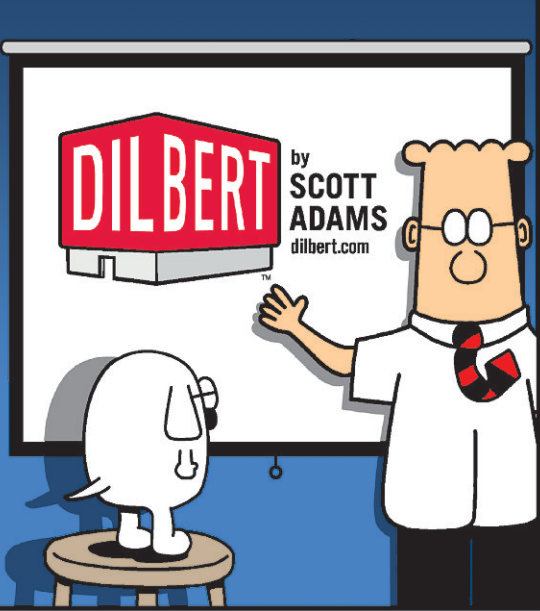
YOU NOT ONLY CAN'T EXPLAIN LOVE...ACTUALLY, YOU CAN'T EVEN TALK ABOUT IT...




DILBERT

by SCOTT ADAMS


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WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE DAVE?




DAVE WORKS FROM HOME ON NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS AND FINISHES HIS PROJECTS ON TIME.




YOU FINISH YOUR PROJECTS ON TIME TOO, BUT YOU DON'T WORK NIGHTS AND WEEKENDS.




THAT'S LIKE STEALING FROM THE COMPANY.



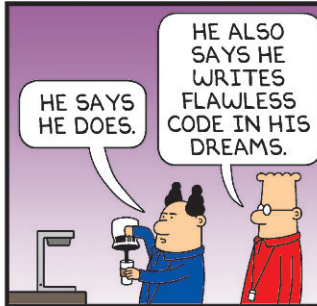
ARE YOU GOING TO PUNISH ME FOR DOING THE SAME AMOUNT OF WORK AS DAVE BUT IN HALF THE TIME?




AND HOW DO YOU KNOW DAVE WORKS AT NIGHT AND ON WEEKENDS? IS ANYONE WATCHING HIM?



HE ALSO SAYS HE WRITES FLAWLESS CODE IN HIS DREAMS.




DO YOU WANT ME TO COPY HIS LIES, OR CAN I FREESTYLE?




ZITS


by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BOREMAN



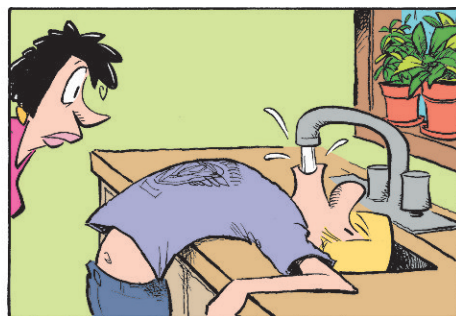
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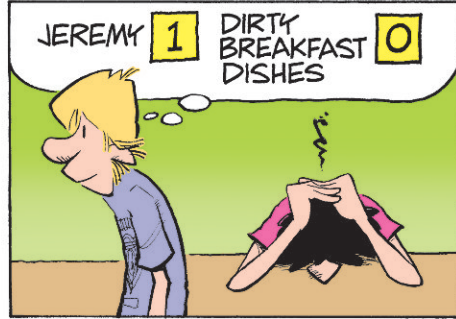
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GULP!




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GARFIELD



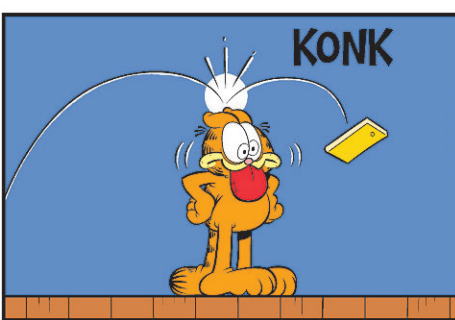
HA! MISSED ME!




AND YOU'RE OUT OF FRUIT! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?!



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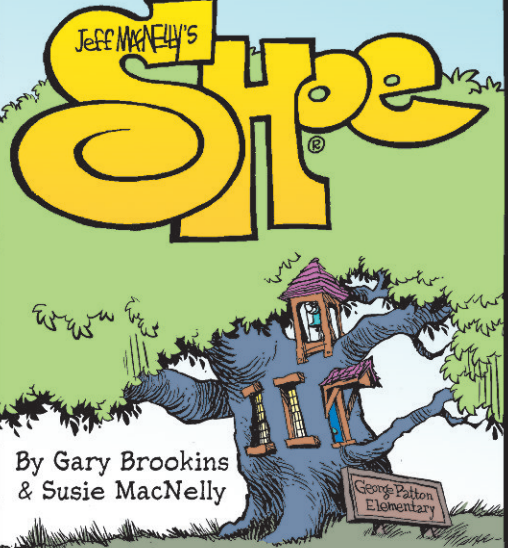


HOW NICE... A VIRTUAL BANANA



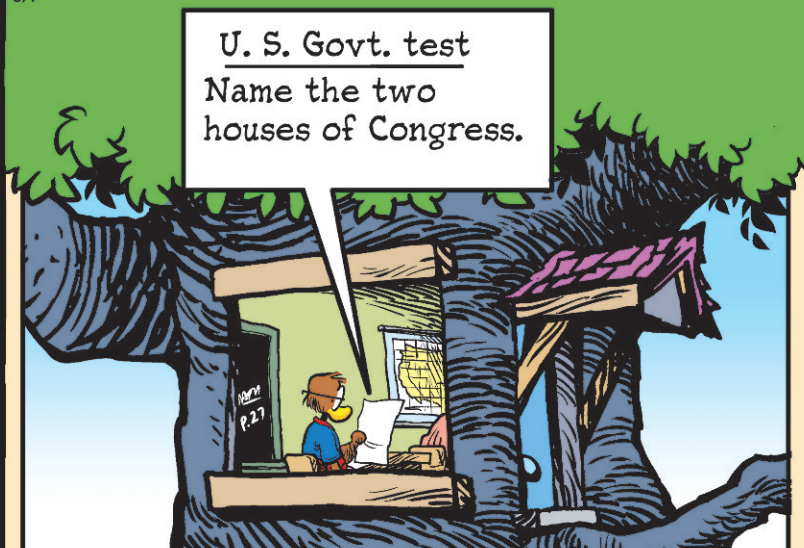
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By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly




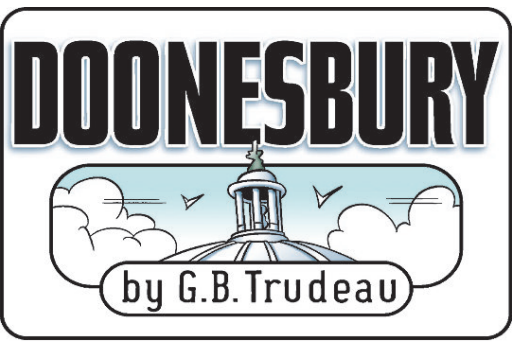
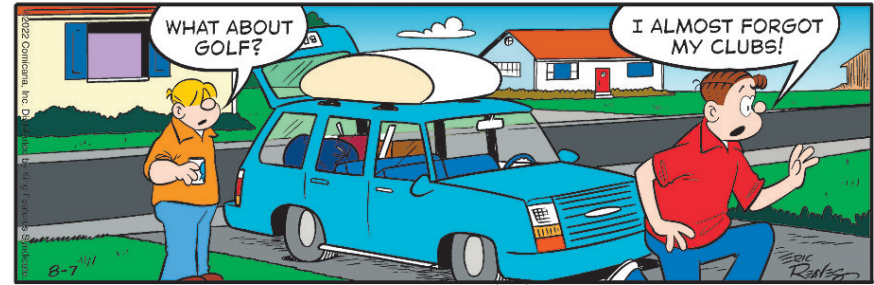
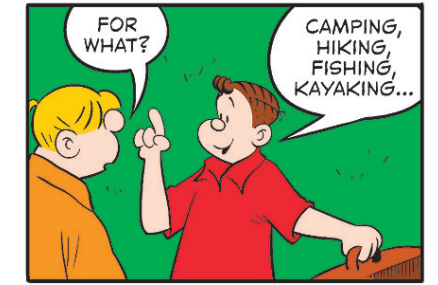
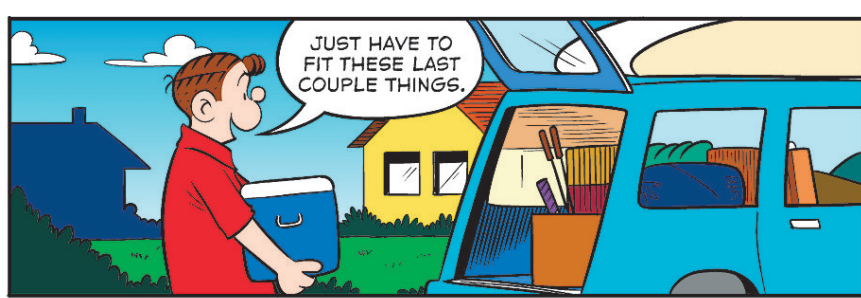
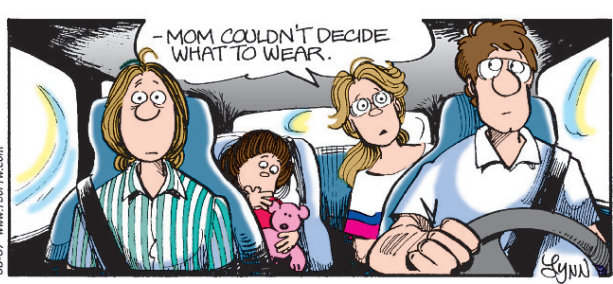
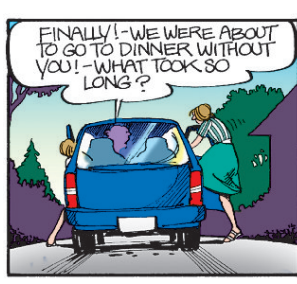
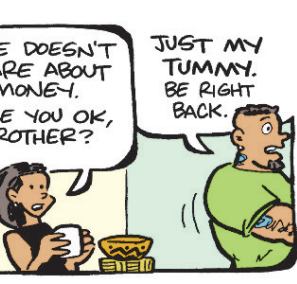
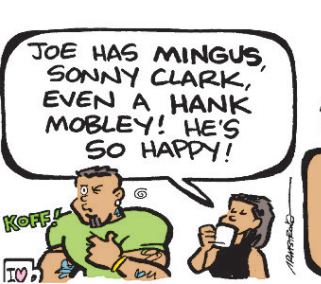
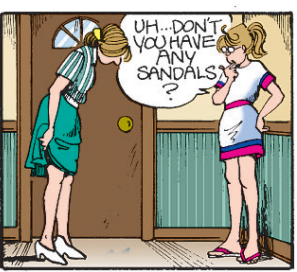
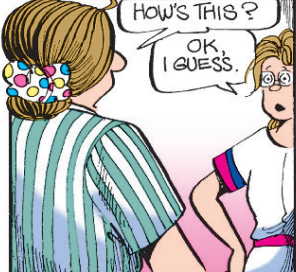
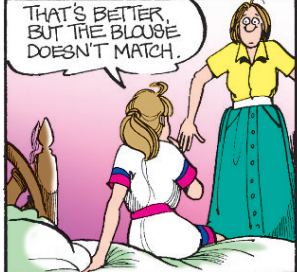
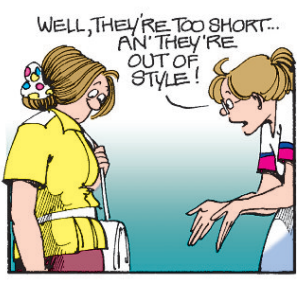
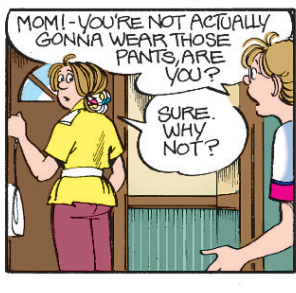
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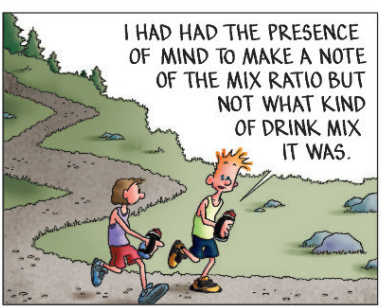
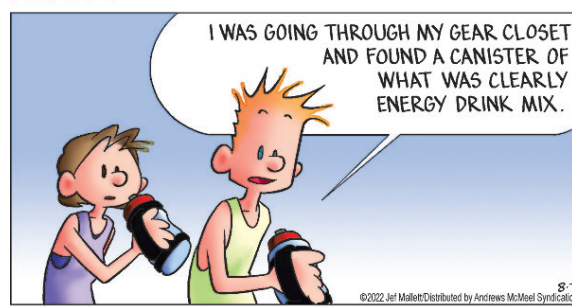


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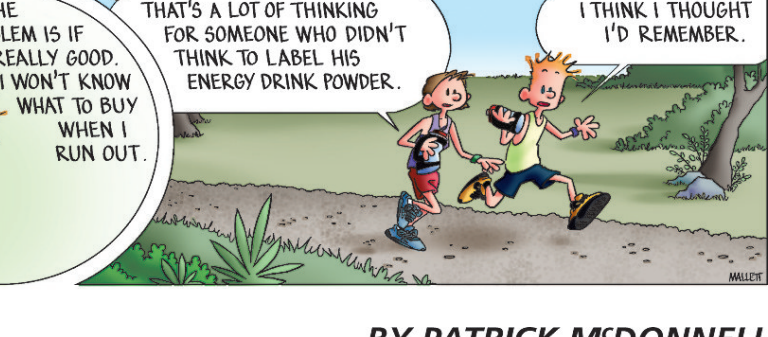
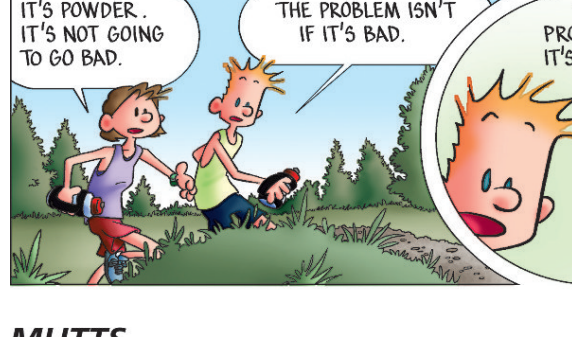
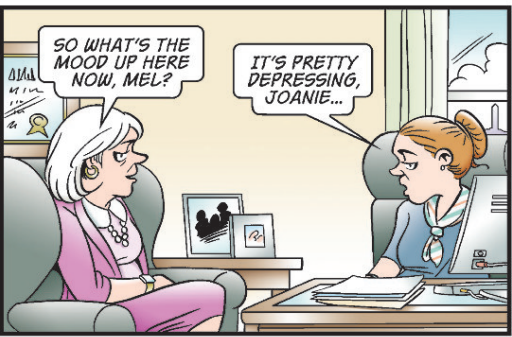
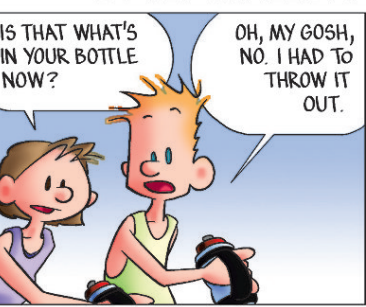




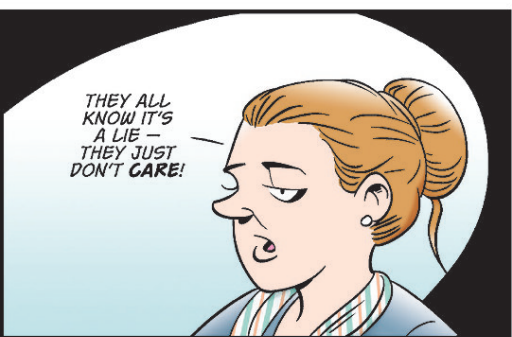
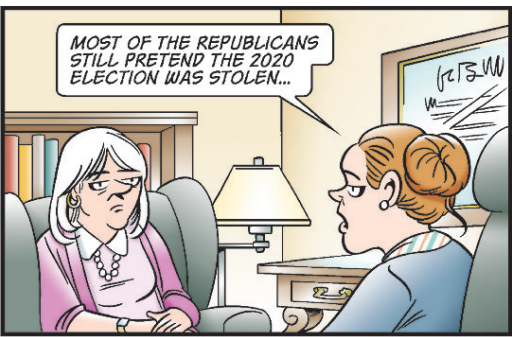
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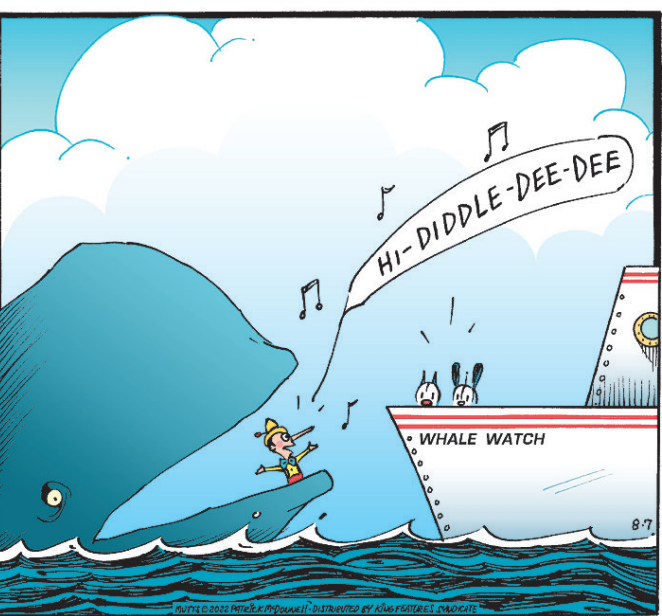
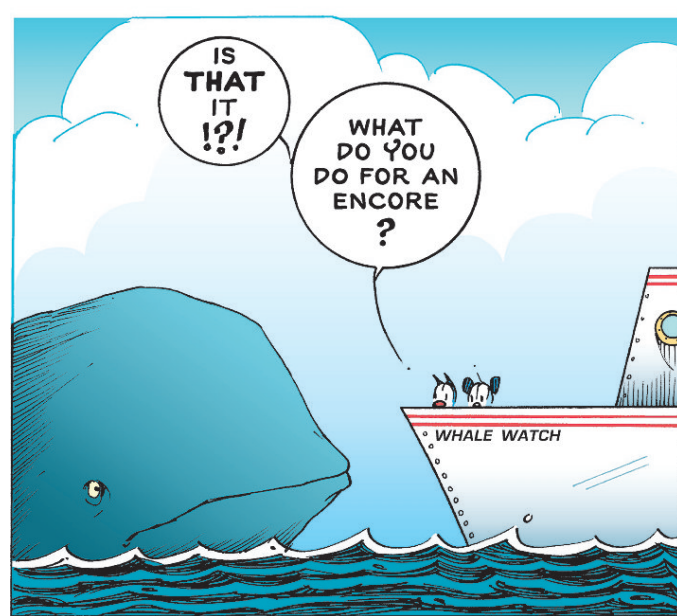
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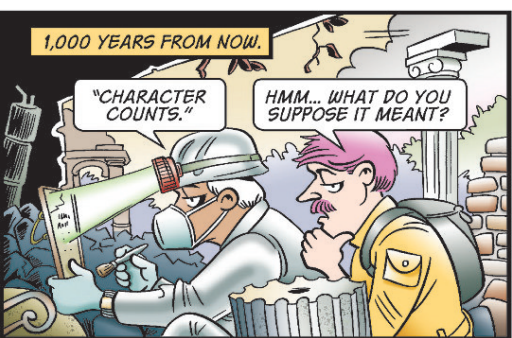
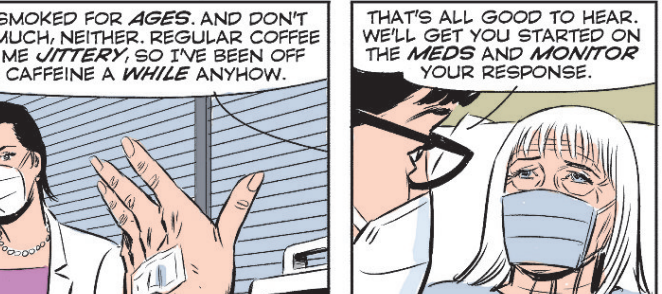
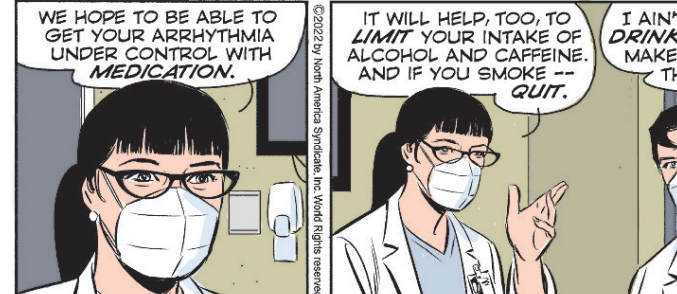
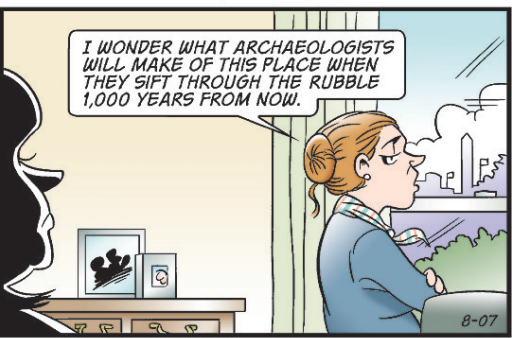
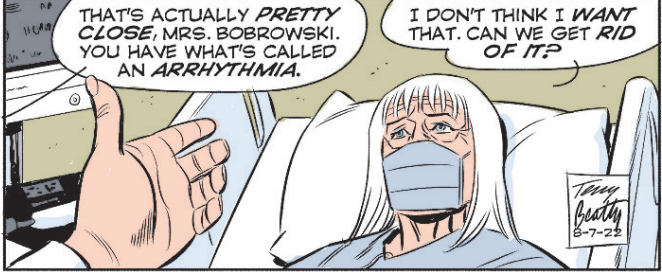
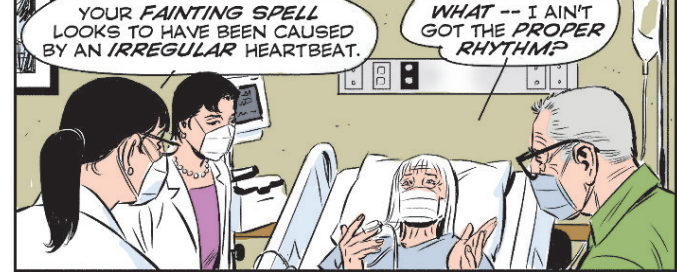
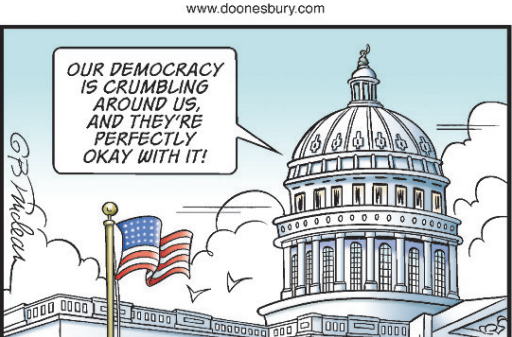


MUTTS



REX MORGAN

BY TERRY BEATTY



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

ROSE IS ROSE

By Pat Brady & Don Wimmer

HI...

I'M BACK.

MY "LET THINGS BE" TREE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

AND JUST LET THINGS BE.

AND THE LIST OF THINGS THAT I CAN'T CONTROL GROWS LONGER EVERY DAY...

SO I CONTINUE TO LEAN...

LEARNING ON MY TREE HELPS ME TO ACCEPT THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE OUT OF MY CONTROL.

MAY I CUT IN?

A SHARED LEAN IS A PLEASANT WAY TO JUST LET THINGS BE!

8-7

HEY, PIG, GOING ANYWHERE THIS SUMMER?

NO, YOU ASKED ME THAT ALREADY.

I DID? I WAS JUST CURIOUS BECAUSE I'M GOING TO MY FAVORITE CITY IN NEW ZEALAND—TAUMATAWHAKATANGIHANGAKOAUAUOTAMATEATURIPUKAKAPIKIMAUNGAHORONUKUPOKAIWHENUAKITANATAHU. (WHERE?)

TAUMATAWHAKATANGIHANGAKOAUAUOTAMATEATURIPUKAKAPIKIMAUNGAHORONUKUPOKAIWHENUAKITANATAHU. WHAT'S THAT?

THE PLACE WITH THE LONGEST NAME IN THE WORLD. LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCH-WYRNDROBNWLLANTYSILIOGOGOGGOCH IN WALES IS CLOSE, BUT IT'S NOT AS LONG AS TAUMATAWHAKATANGIHANGAKOAUAUOTAMATEATURIPUKAKAPIKIMAUNGAHORONUKUPOKAIWHENUAKITANATAHU.

YOU'RE ONLY DOING THAT BECAUSE I TOLD YOU THAT LETTERING THE STRIP WAS HURTING MY HAND TODAY.

HOPE HE DOESN'T HAVE PNEUMONOLTRA-MICROSCOPIC SILICOVOLCANOCONIOSIS.

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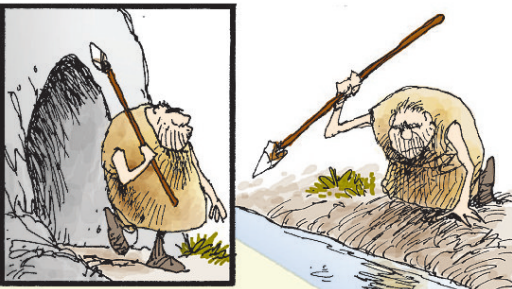
NON SEQUITUR

by Wiley

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FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



NICOLE AND I ARE GONNA GO CHECK OUT SUMMERFEST AT THE PARK.

NOT DRESSED LIKE THAT, I HOPE!

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IS THIS OUTFIT TOO SKIMPY?

SERIOUSLY???

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OH, WAIT... I FORGOT TO CHECK THE HEAT INDEX.

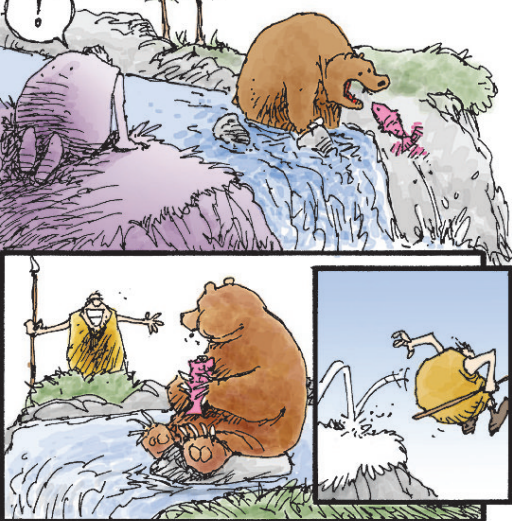
TRUST ME. GO UPSTAIRS AND PUT ON SOMETHING SKIMPYER.

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BALDO

BY CANTÚ AND CASTELLANOS



THE FACE IS THE MIRROR OF THE SOUL.

WELL, THIS FACE...

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LA CARA ES EL ESPEJO DEL ALMA.

IS A MIRROR OF WAY TOO MUCH TIME PLAYING VIDEO GAMES.

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Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

NATHAN AND YEWUBAR HAVE STOLEN OUT AT NIGHT, AND, UNDER THE COLD LIGHT OF A FULL MOON, WITNESS AN UNEXPECTED SPECTACLE...

... NATHAN'S MOTHER, ALETA, AND MAEVE, THE FUTURE QUEEN OF CAMELOT, ARE OUT AS WELL! THEY WALK SILENTLY INTO A CIRCLE OF ANCIENT, PITTED STONES.

NATHAN COULD SWEAR THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAS VISITED THESE GLADES COUNTLESS TIMES, HE HAS NEVER NOTICED THE STONES LOOKING SO IMPOSING - OR SO COMPLETE.

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YOU COULD TAKE A PICTURE OF US HERE, DADDY, IF ALL THESE OTHER PEOPLE WOULD GET OUT OF THE WAY.

IF YA SEE BROADWAY LET ME KNOW--GRANDMA TOLD ME TO GIVE HER REGARDS TO BROADWAY.

ALL WE'VE SEEN SO FAR ARE BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE-- WHEN DO WE GET TO SEE THE BIG APPLE?!

DADDY, IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO OPEN UP THE TOUR MAP AGAIN AND TRY TO GUESS WHERE WE ARE?

MOMMY! I'M GETTIN' A BLISTER ON MY FOOT FROM WALKIN' TOO MUCH.

CAN WE TAKE A TAXI?

THE SIGN SAYS "WALK," BUT JEFFY'S RUNNIN'!

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